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City puts new hall plans on hold

► Dilemma with State Police crime lab forces council to halt its plans

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

After months of investigation, planning, and working with architects on a new city hall, the Grayling City Council has put the project on hold.

The move was necessitated by the release of the State Police Department's five-year plan for facilities, which lists as one of its top priorities a construction project that would move the State Police crime lab currently housed in Grayling's city hall building to a new facility in Gaylord.

Last year, the council renegotiated a lease with the State Police for use of city hall. The department had been leasing space from the city for about 20 years. The State Police requested more space and renovations. The council responded by arranging the renovations and moving the city offices and city police out of city hall to accommodate the crime lab's need for additional space.

(The city currently leases a building on M-72 West for its office space and police department.)

The renovation project cost the city about \$120,000, which is scheduled to be repaid in the monthly lease payments throughout the

10-year life of the lease.

The State Police Department (SPD) has a 120-day escape clause, however, and can abandon the lease at any time before the 10 years is up. At the time the lease was being negotiated, the council tried to have the escape clause removed, but the SPD would not sign the lease without it. Council members have said that the SPD insisted it had no intentions of moving before the lease expired.

Now, it is uncertain whether or not the crime lab will stay in Grayling, or for how long.

The uncertainty with regard to the SPD's plans has created a serious problem for the city council. The city has already spent a considerable amount of time and money planning for a new city hall, which up until a few weeks ago (when news of the five-year plan emerged), was to be constructed starting in the spring of 2001.

The new building, which was to be constructed near the old one on James Street, would cost between \$600,000 and \$700,000, as of the latest estimates. The city budgeted \$660,000 for the project in the current fiscal year.

The council does not want to spend over \$600,000 of city money on a new building if the SPD is going to abandon the old city hall building in a few years, leaving the city with one empty building and a lot of bills to pay.

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ONE LAST STOP



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made one last stop at the Frederic Township Fire Hall last Saturday before heading to the North Pole to prepare for their big night on December 24. Young John Parich was happy to get a chance to reconfirm his Christmas wishes to the jolly old elf.

Is a mall coming to Crawford County?

► Plans are in the works at Beaver Creek Township

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

The Beaver Creek Township Board has received an initial bid on a sewer and water system that could bring a mall and possibly other industrial entities to Crawford County. The bid, costing \$3,300 estimates that the project would cost over \$5 million and officials in Beaver Creek are anticipating that if this idea becomes a reality, an abundance of high paying jobs will be created.

Phase one of the project deals with municipal water that would be held in a 1.5 million gallon ground level tank costing an estimated \$2.9 million. The second phase would be hooking up a sewer system which is proposed to cost over \$1.5 million.

Ed Holtcamp, who is primarily heading up the project in Beaver Creek said there is a substantial amount of industrial property, approximately 400 acres, with many amenities to attract industry. Development of this property could create another 400 to 500 jobs over

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Court decides against former road board members

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy ruled in favor of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in a suit brought against them earlier this year by former Road Commissioners Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson.

Swiercz and Nelson were removed from their appointed positions on the Road Board after a two day hearing in January following an investigation that revealed alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act.

The former road board members' complaint consisted of four counts including accusations of denial of due process; impartiality by members of the county board; claim of violation of the Open Meetings Act was untrue; the county board's actions fell outside the statute of limitations; claims the county board violated the open meetings act with the two-day hearing and deliberations resulting in removal; a request for temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction to stop the county board from appointing new members to fill the vacancies created by their removal.

After the hearing to remove

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A MADRIGAL EVENING



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

"This is the cultural event of the Christmas season in Grayling," remarked Crawford County Magistrate Jean Callewaert after attending one of two Madrigal Dinners last week at Shoppenagon's Inn. Grayling High School Choir members put on the renaissance style dinner as a fund-raiser to help pay for their much anticipated trip to Toronto in the spring. The December 13-14 event was a combination of mirth, music and feast and included the king and queen, beggars, wenches, a court jester and even a village idiot. An estimated 400 people attended over two nights. (Right) Justin Spencer helped present the "boar's head" to the awaiting royal court both evenings, much to the surprise of those in attendance.



Citizens combine efforts to save pony and pup

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Last week proved a busy week for local animal lovers and Animal Shelter director Dixie Lobsinger when combined efforts by concerned citizens helped bring a pony and a dog to safety.

On Monday, December 11 Lobsinger received a call at the shelter from a man who said he found an injured dog laying under a tree just off Lewiston Grade Road.

The man said he tossed the only food he had with him to the dog (a candy bar) in case the dog was hungry. Lobsinger called the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and Deputy Randy Baerlocher ventured out in the snow to find the dog. When he was unable to locate the dog, Lobsinger asked the good samaritan who made the report to show Baerlocher the dog's location. She was finally located and brought to the shelter.

The dog is a black, 52lb. female Terrier mix, most likely an Airedale Lobsinger said, and is between one and two years old. She appears to have given birth at least once.

Upon initial examination, Lobsinger believed the dog had been injured by a gun shot and, from her condition, the wounds were not recent. The shelter director noticed the dog's labored breathing and was concerned but could not take the animal to the local veterinary clinic until the next morning, so she pro-

vided "Katie" (as she has been named) with a warm bed for the night.

Lobsinger said veterinarian Dr. Wayne Casler examined Katie, performed surgery on her and determined that the dog had been shot; the bullet grazing her nose, hitting her in the shoulder and traveling to her rib cage, resulting in a collapsed lung.

Dr. Casler told Lobsinger that in 30 years of veterinary work, he has never seen a worse injury and the dog is lucky to be alive. Dr. Casler cleaned and repaired the wound as best as possible, reinfused her lung and sent her back to the shelter to recover. To prevent Katie from disturbing Dr. Casler's repairs, the dog is bandaged with a disposable diaper and duct tape because she seems to be feeling well enough to be up and playing around.

"Dr. Casler said he doesn't believe she can survive with this injury, but it's really all up to the dog," Lobsinger said. "So far, so good."

She added, "There's somebody out there who knows who owns this dog and somebody knows who shot this dog."

Anyone who believes they may know who owns "Katie" should call the shelter at 348-4117. If the owner cannot be located and if she recovers, Katie will be looking for a

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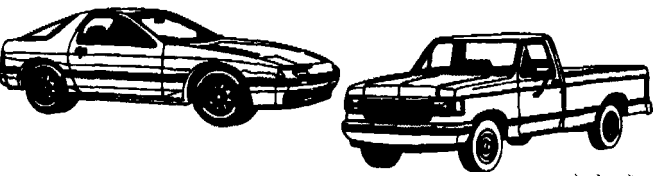
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Shelter control may be taken up by county board

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Unless the Crawford County Board of Commissioners enters into any future leases and/or agreements with the Road Commission and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, it is the opinion of Prosecutor John Huss that the county is not legally responsible for nor holds any authority over any Animal Shelter program. That includes the expired lease with the Road Commission.

The county board meets for its regular meeting on December 20 and faces making the decision of renewing an agreement with the Animal Shelter of Crawford County board (a not-for-profit group), or with current and longtime shelter director Dixie Lobsinger who presented the board with her own proposal last Thursday during the county's Ways and Means Committee meeting. The proposal asks for no additional dollars to continue her services. Lobsinger told the board she is willing to draw up the papers to initiate another non-profit group to raise money to operate the shelter. "I've done it before and, if I have to, I'll do it again," said Lobsinger. The director explained to the commis-

sioners that when she first volunteered to keep the shelter open nine years ago she began without a 501 (c)3 organization.

County Board Chair Lynnette Corlew asked that a legal opinion be obtained from the Prosecutor's office as to whether a contract could or should be signed with an individual and not a non-profit group.

The county board could also opt to send the contract covering care of stray and homeless animals out for public bid, although the county has budgeted only \$6,000 plus 80% of animal license fees earmarked for shelter operations; on average, a total of about \$9,000 for the last two years.

Shelter board treasurer Ron Joyce also spoke up at the meeting, explaining that former president Joe Porter had only resigned from his office, not from the board entirely as reported. He also reiterated his beliefs that more public moneys be given to support the shelter through the county, townships and city.

Controversy concerning control and management of the shelter started heating up within the past year when originator of the shelter organization/director Lobsinger came to an impasse over financial reporting. "The board has asked Dixie for

financial information for months and months. All we want to do is our legal duty," said animal shelter board secretary Nancy Lemmen. "All people were asking for were two signatures on checks, annual audits, clear income and expense records, and taxes submitted on time." Lemmen also indicated Lobsinger had not attended a meeting since sometime in 1999.

In her own defense, Lobsinger said withholding information was the only way she could get the board's attention. She said, "I would leave meetings angry that I wasn't being heard. It got to the point where it wasn't worth my energy." She added, "I repeatedly talked to Nancy about how bad things were going. She said she was sorry I was not happy. You would think I should be the one they need to make happy: the one who does all the work. I need help with what kills you around here, like hauling buckets of ice in the winter and raking up the yard and helping when animals have to be euthanized."

Lemmen affirmed Lobsinger's wonderful work with animals. "She really has a way with animals. Her service to the animals wasn't broken, but the record keeping was. We wanted to honor Dixie's privacy and

not go public with the problem." She added that recruitment and retention of volunteers has been a sticking point for years. Lemmen said the board has ideas, but no set plan on volunteer recruitment.

Because the shelter board felt obligated to cover all their bases, they began advertising for a new, part time, paid shelter director. Lobsinger has never accepted salary or wages, just an annual reimbursement for her expenses, about \$4,000 annually. According to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County (ASCC) By-Laws, Article IV, section 3 (in part): "No director shall accept any compensation from the ASCC for the performance of his/her duties. However, this does not prevent reimbursement of expenses incurred by a director in the performance of assigned tasks," bringing into question whether the shelter board is violating its own by-laws when advertising for a new, paid director position. Over the years, by-laws can be amended when a non-profit group finds itself in unforeseen circumstances. This section may have been amended since the original writing nine years ago, but information to that effect Continued on Page 9A

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Is a mall coming to Crawford County?

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the next year and the mall would be a place to spend that money, reinvesting in the community. "The ball is in our court," said Holtcamp.

The idea of development and concept of how to cover costs is in the early stages.

Holtcamp said many more studies will have to be done and is looking to the Township Board to apply for grants to cover the cost of the engineering. These grants will be needed to cover the \$446,000 in plan-

ning, engineering and legal costs, for the municipal water and an additional \$244,000 for the sewer system.

The plan is to put down 18,000 feet of forced main pipes that go to the city's waste water treatment facility. A few more million dollars will be needed to upgrade the system there to store the waste. This is the only alternative as, "mechanical treatment would be really expensive, adding up to 40 million dollars," said Holtcamp. "Tying into

the wastewater treatment facility shouldn't be a problem, and this is for Beaver Creek alone, we don't have to wait for Grayling to implement theirs."

Holtcamp stated, "We are going to end up with a mall, then industry will be attracted and create bigger jobs." The proposed site for the mall is the property off Four Mile Road that was previously owned by Jerry DeWitt and Ron Fraser, it was recently sold to CLK Enterprises, LLC.

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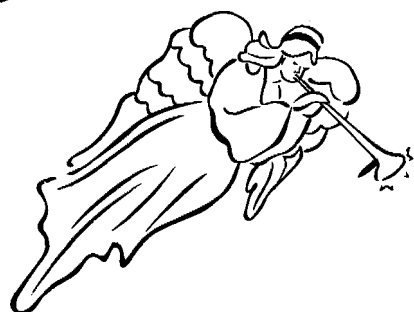
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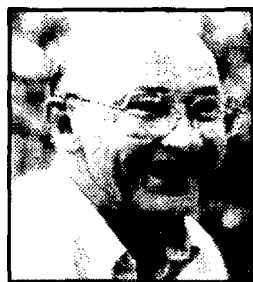
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

One solitary life...

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following thoughts were first gathered into a Christmas column and offered in The Almanack more than 30 years ago. Over the years, they have appeared several times during the Christmas season -- and are still appropriate in this new millennium.)

"HE WAS born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another small village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city.

He never traveled 200 miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

"While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

"When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the cen-

tral figure of the human race, and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched... and all the navies that ever sailed... and all the parliaments that ever sat... and all the kings that ever reigned, put together... have not affected the life of man upon this earth, as has "...That one solitary life."

OF COURSE, I didn't originate that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown (to me) author.

But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of "One Solitary Life" helps us add perspective to our activities, especially as

we enjoy the Christmas season each year.

We seek meaning in our own lives. We seek happiness, each in his or her own form, and happiness comes in many guises.

As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula for happiness set down many years ago by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"A happy life is to laugh often and to love much... to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children... to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends... to appreciate beauty... to give one's self... to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition... to have

played and laughed with enthusiasm, and to have sung with exaltation... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived..."

To strive for those goals brings meaning to our existence... and happiness to our lives.

WE NEED a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living, and to our life. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and meaningful prayers ever composed is the familiar Prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace... where there is hatred, let me sow love... where there is injury, pardon... where there is

despair, hope... where there is darkness, light... and where there is sadness, joy.

"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console... to be understood as to understand... to be loved as to love..."

"For it is in giving that we receive... it is in pardoning that we are pardoned... and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by.

TO ALL OF YOU, as we bask in the lingering warmth of Christmas and face an uncertain new year, a blessed and joyous holiday season from this newspaper and The Almanack.

EDITOR

The Grinch really does exist

To the editor,

Two weeks ago, our Meme and Papa ran an ad asking for the return of the tape that was in their video camera that was "misplaced" at the Santa breakfast. They chose the word "misplaced" in hopes that the tape would be returned. But, two weeks have passed and the tape, full of cherished memories, has not been returned.

Although they can purchase a new video camera, our visit at the lake with our Great Grandparents, Meme's 50th birthday party, our Halloween parade, and the little bit that did get filmed of us with Santa and Mrs. Claus can not be replaced.

Although we did not see who took the camera, we know someone did. After all, it was stolen from the bench under the Christmas tree, in the lobby of the church, right in front of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Shame on you, Grinch! You know that's who you are. Who else steals from under the Christmas tree?

We may never find out who you are, but remember... when your judgement day comes, you will have to explain why you took our Meme

and Papa's camera and our memories from "His" house.

In the movie, "The Grinch," the Grinch realized how wrong he was for taking away the Whos' Christmas things. And that even though he had taken all the material things, he didn't take away the Whos' Christmas spirit.

When you, the Grinch, took the camera, you ruined our day with Santa. Without that tape, our young memories will soon forget those times we shared with our family that were on that tape. We hope that our Great Grandma and Grandpa Schans, who live in Florida, are still around by the time we are able to visit them again. That visit recorded on that tape was their last trip to Michigan.

So, Mr. Grinch, enjoy your new video camera. We hope that every time you use it to capture your family's memories, you will remember our memories that you stole from us. Bah, humbug to you, Mr. Grinch.

Grandchildren of
Tom & Laura Schans:
Allie, Emily, Madilyn, Whitney,
Autumn, Josilyn, and Destiny

Remember Pearl Harbor

To the editor,

I went through the Avalanche and December 7, 2000 was posted; not one mention of Pearl Harbor Day that will live in infamy. Shame on

you. We must never forget the day that the world changed that year, 1941, for all.

Lloyd and Helen Crawford
Grayling

Get the facts; decide for yourself

To the editor,

I do not want to get into the animal shelter controversy, but am compelled to write to correct or at least clarify a comment made by Dixie Lobsinger in her letter published in the December 14 *Avalanche*.

Dixie stated, "I asked for their resignations, Dr. Mesack resigned." While it is true that I resigned during that time period, it is not true as was inferred by Dixie's letter that I resigned because of her ultimatum. Nothing could be further from the truth and I do not appreciate having my name used to try to make the remainder of the animal shelter board look bad.

For those of you who are inter-

ested in the animal shelter and care about the current controversy surrounding the shelter, I would make a request. Rather than take a stand based on letters and articles in the *Avalanche*, most of which are biased towards one side or the other, investigate for yourself. Talk to Dixie and members of the board. Try to limit your fact-finding to those who are closely involved with the shelter, not with friends of either. You will get the best information from the "horse's mouth."

Decide for yourself what is going on. Don't let others decide for you.

Paul W. Mesack, DVM
Grayling

The good Lord gave us animals and Dixie

To the editor,

Shame on you Mr. Porter and the rest of the so-called board members for turning their backs on such a precious person as Dixie Lobsinger. She is the Noah's Ark of Crawford County.

There isn't a person on the face of this earth that could replace her and shame on you Mr. Porter for trying to do so.

She has given everything she has, and then some, and a lot more into taking care of all the animals that have come to that shelter. She has a heart of gold.

I would love to see your reaction when someone calls your home in the middle of the night concerning

an animal, or have you right there helping euthanize dogs and cats. That is one job I wouldn't give to my worst enemy.

The good Lord gave us these animals and Dixie Lobsinger, and you are turning your back on both of them.

As the old saying goes, "What goes around, comes around." My suggestion and one of many others in this county, is to give the power and control back to Dixie, the only person who knows how to handle it. Oh, yes, you had better wake up and smell those road apples.

Deborah Robinson
NorthStar Shepherds
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Did you hear...?

To the editor,

Did you hear the fine performance given by the High School Band on December 11? Both the Concert Band and the Jazz Band did a fabulous job. The ensembles before the concert were a pleasurable extra feature.

Did you hear the quality performances given by the CMU Honors Band and the District honors Band in the recent weekends? Grayling had numerous talented students participate in these events.

Did you see the delightful musical "42nd Street" given by

Grayling's talented young people? Their weeks of relentless practices and humble-jumble schedules produced an enjoyable show for the community.

We are truly fortunate in Grayling that we have dedicated teachers who inspire our sons and daughters to be part of this scene. Their commitment of time and energy are well beyond the expected. Their fine examples are being reflected in our students' dedication. How fortunate we are!

Marge Franklin
Grayling

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VIEWPOINT

by Congressman Bart Stupak

Stupak comments on election results

To the editor,

I was greatly disappointed that the U.S. Supreme Court stalled a recount in Florida until there was no time left. As Associate Justice John Paul Stevens said in a dissenting opinion, it is the nation's confidence in the judicial system that sustained the greatest loss in this election.

We now must move forward as a country, and the Republican leadership in Congress must set the tone for comity and bipartisanship in the 107th Congress.

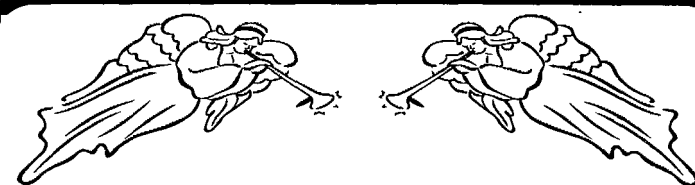
The best way for the GOP leadership to accomplish this is by acknowledging that the American people have elected a Senate comprised of 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans and they have elected a House of Representatives almost as equally balanced.

Because representation is equal in the Senate, the GOP leadership

can demonstrate its commitment to cooperation by allowing both parties to share authority in this body, complete with equal committee chairmanships and committee staffs.

Only five seats separate Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. House, and the Republican leadership should allocate seating on House committees to reflect the actual ratio of House membership. Although such a change would not affect me, because I have no plans to leave the Commerce Committee, this change in committee make-up would allow many other members to have a say on committees that deal with issues important to their own constituencies.

I look forward to working with President-elect George W. Bush on all issues, those important to the nation and those of importance to the 1st Congressional District.



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest..." -- Luke 2:13, 14

Christmas Services

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve

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3 Candlelight Services 5:30, 7:30, & 9:30 p.m.

Grayling Free Methodist
Celebration of the True Light 7:00 p.m.

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Candlelight Services 7:00 p.m.

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Midnight Mass
New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

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Regular Worship Service 11:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve-Regular Worship 11:30 a.m.

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BRIEFS

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Lucky 13 winner of \$100 is Dennis Moore.

Band Boosters plan monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Grayling Viking Band Boosters will be held December 21 at Grayling Middle School at 7 p.m. All middle and high school band parents are welcome to attend.

Flu/pneumonia vaccinations offered

Community Flu/Pneumonia Clinics will be offered at the Crawford County Health Department Friday, December 22 and Friday, January 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. No appointments are necessary. Bring your Medicaid or Medicare card (if applicable) for billing purposes. Otherwise the cost of flu vaccine is \$10 and pneumonia vaccine is \$16. For more information, call 348-7800.

Free kids' hearing/vision tests offered

Free Hearing and Vision Screenings for Crawford County kids, ages three through 19, will be offered at the Head Start Building in January. Call the Health Department at 348-7800 to schedule an appointment for the Friday, January 5 screening date.

Snowmobile group offers safety classes

Snowmobile safety classes will be offered January 3-5, 2001, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each evening, in Room 4-A at Grayling High School, sponsored by the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association. Classes are for youth ages 12-17. State regulations require anyone wishing to drive a snowmobile without adult supervision to obtain a safety certificate. Social Security numbers must be provided at registration time. Call 348-8619 to register.

Band Boosters selling coupon books

Viking Band Boosters annual coupon books are now available. Cost is \$15 each and books contain over \$600 worth of coupons redeemable at local businesses. Coupon books are available from any band parent or by calling Deb Rugenstein at (517) 275-5172. Sale runs December 11-22.

'Meet the Grads' this Friday at GHS

"Meet the Grads Day" will be held Friday, December 22, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Grayling High School library. The event is a unique opportunity for recent GHS alumni to share their experiences concerning continued education for current juniors and seniors. Anyone enrolled in college or universities, students of technical or vocational schools, and members of the armed services are all welcome and encouraged to participate.

Free ski program offered for women

Free cross country ski lessons and social camaraderie for women is being offered Thursday evenings, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., December through February at the Cross Country Ski Shop of Grayling located on the I-75 Business Loop behind the Holiday Inn. All abilities of skiers, from beginners to advanced are invited to participate.

Rental equipment for both classical and skate technique is available for a fee of \$6 and hot beverages will be available after skiing. This program is intended to be a service to the community to get more women introduced to skiing.

For more information, call (517) 348-8558.

LIBRARY NEWS

Crawford County Library

The Weyerhaeuser Company donated \$25,000 to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. David Malm of Weyerhaeuser Company presented the check recently to Barbara Clark Greene, Library Board President and Tracie Compton, Library Director. These funds will help to build, furnish and equip the new library at 201 Plum Street.

For more information call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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4-H youth archery classes to begin

Local youth ages eight and above will have the opportunity to learn the exciting sport of archery by certified instructors from the Bears Bowmen Archery Club beginning in January.

The archery classes, under the direction of Bill Weaver of the Bears Bowmen, will start on Monday, January 8 or Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Advanced classes will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

To begin, archers must be eight years old or above by the date of the first class. To take part in the advanced classes, young people must have already received a 4-H Certificate of Completion in the beginners class.

The classes will run weekly for eight weeks.

The cost for the eight-week session will be \$14 per child. Equipment will be provided. Advanced class students may bring their own equipment.

Classes will be held indoors at the Bears Bowmen Archery Club at Hanson Hills.

Register now at the Crawford County MSU Extension Office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. Registration is limited, so enroll soon.

For more information, call the 4-H office at 344-3264.

Income-related scholarships are available.

Snowmobile group to hold ribbon cutting

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA), a local club of volunteers, invites area residents to the official ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, December 20, at 11 a.m. at the new snowmobile trail and parking lot.

The trail and parking lot, finished this winter, is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between the courthouse and the museum. A red, white, and blue sign with the association's name on it has been

installed at the site. The new trail comes in from the north and connects all the way to the Mackinaw Bridge.

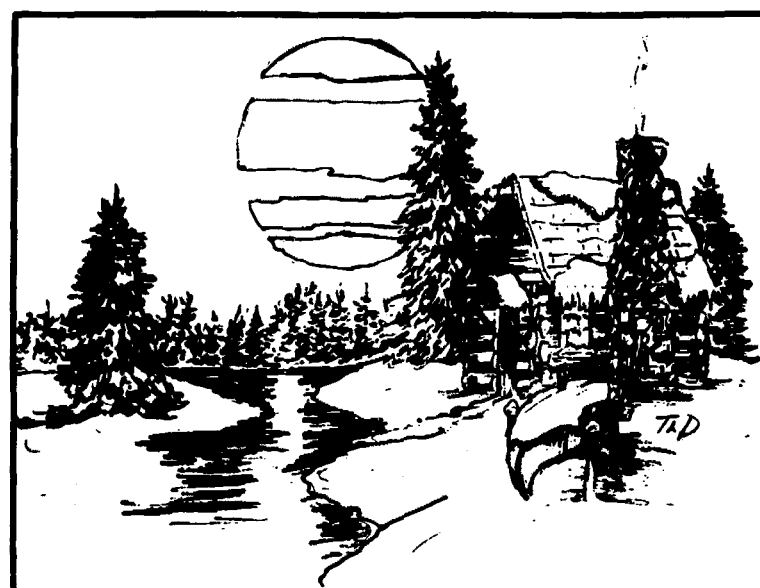
The AVSA, which grooms about 70 miles of trail in Crawford County, will have its two groomer tractors and several association members present at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

For more information on the event, contact Neal Michal, AVSA PR Chairman, at 348-6592.

Secretary of State to close for holidays

The Grayling branch of the Michigan Secretary of State will be closed Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday; and Friday,

December 29 and Monday, January 1 for New Year's.




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The Bible Speaks

Merry Christmas!

Let us read reverently the story of Christ's birth: "18Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. 20But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matt 1:18-23).

John tells us how eternal God became flesh. "1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2The same was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made by him: and without

him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3) "14And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

Paul puts this all together saying, "16And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." John tells us of Christ's witness in heaven today: "7For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." (1 John 5:7)

Jesus Christ came into the world for one primary reason to become our savior. "11For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." (Matt. 18:11) "16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:16,17) As the great apostle Paul said, "15This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: of

whom I am chief." (1 Tim. 1:15) The great apostle Peter said, "12Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6).

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:12) "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5:11,12) Have you trusted Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins and to save your soul?

Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>

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In loving memory

Jessica Teal

9-1-88 - 12-23-88

To Our Baby Jessica.

Our sweet baby Jessica has been taken away, to see a new life Gods' created for her to stay.

Her short time with us will be treasured forever, she's in a better place now to live happily ever after.

We think it's not fair we ask questions why; it's hard to let her go, it's hard to say goodbye.

She's our little angel, our little Christmas star; Her soul is up above but her love is never far.

We'll miss her and weep, we'll say it isn't fair; but she's up above where she belongs, in God's sweet loving care...

We love you Jessica.

Love,

Aunt Julie

Sadly missed by mommy, sisters Julie and Tina and Grandma and Grandpa Guyot

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HOMETOWN NEWS

We stopped to see one of your ex-City Managers, George Granger. He sure loves to receive mail, but do not expect an answer as he can not write anymore. George Granger, Benson House, 7421 East M-32, Johannesburg, MI 49751.

Submitted by

Dorothy and Jack McClain

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Born to Duain and Teresa (Lehto) Walter of Potterville, Michigan a daughter, Sarah Christine, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing on November 28, 2000. Big sister is Emily Alina, age 2. Grandparents are George and Donna Lehto of Grayling and Wayne and Joyce Walter of Lansing. Great-Grandmother is Laura Casler of Lansing.

In loving memory

Ann Marie Phillips

December 24, 1998

It's been two years momma but your memory stays alive in me always.

Love,

Duby Lynn, Cody and Scott

Fifty-five years of marriage celebrated

Bob and Fay Bovee observed their 55th wedding anniversary on December 20, 2000. Robert Bovee and Fay Christenson were married on December 20, 1945, at the First Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant with the Rev. Charles MacKenzie performing the ceremony. Bob is retired from teaching, counseling and the juvenile court and Fay is retired from teaching. They have resided in Grayling for 51 years. They have two daughters, Billie (Richard) Smith of Saugerties, N.Y. and Dena Bovee (Bruce Goll) of Dublin, Ohio. They have three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Dr. McNamara, Dr. James, Dr. Todoroff, the respiratory therapists and the nurses in the critical care unit at Mercy Hospital. Your expert, sincere and empathetic care during our mother's recent illness could not have been more appreciated.

The Family of Doris Harland

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The Candles of Christmas

It is the evening of Christmas Day. Discarded wrappings and delightful presents share space beneath the tree. On the dinner table the turkey has shrunk as waislins have expanded and everyone vows to "never eat another bite."

Upon the mantle, candles have magically melted into unique creations as they burned through several special occasions throughout the holidays...reminders of warm memories of those

times when family and friends gathered to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Though the holidays shall end, let us carry a candle for the Christ-Child in each of our hearts throughout the coming year; and may the warmth of His spirit melt each of us into that unique creation that will give joy to everyone we meet.

Worship God each week at your local house of worship.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke 2:1-20	John 1:1-18	John 1:19-34	Hebrews 1:1-14	Hebrews 2:1-18	Hebrews 3:1-19	Hebrews 4:1-13

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Junior Church 11:30 am

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Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 pm

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Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President George D. Rasin
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

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3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth
Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

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Pastors Lacey and Carol Stephan
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
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Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
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Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer &
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In Search of the Lord's Way
Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8 9 am
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Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday
Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

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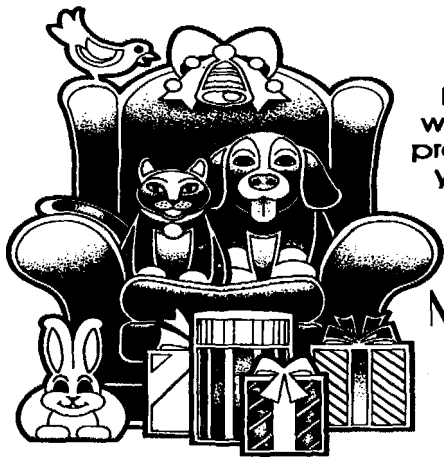
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Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
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Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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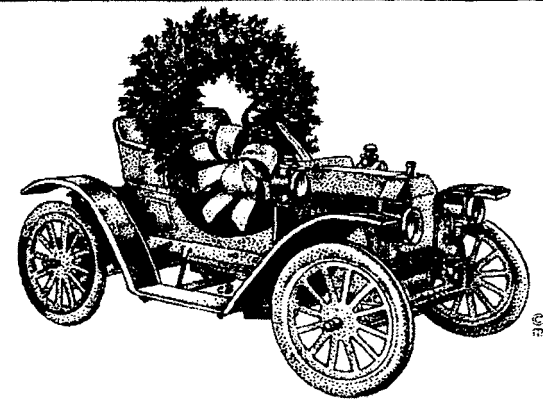
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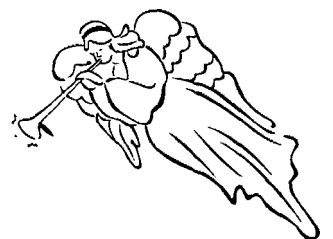
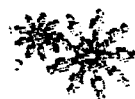
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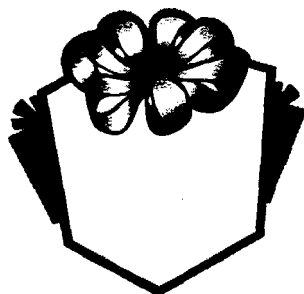


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by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

A contract between Mobile Medical Response (MMR) and officials in Beaver Creek Township has been signed providing residents "a phenomenal ambulance response time and a two to three hundred thousand dollar operation, costing Beaver Creek Township nothing," as stated by Fire Chief, Ed Holtcamp.

MMR recently signed a contract with the County Board of Commissioners for a Grayling location and felt a south station in Beaver Creek would be appropriate

as well.

After extensive conversations between Raymond Little, CEO of MMR, Ed Holtcamp and Mike Conroy, Beaver Creek Township Attorney, a lease agreement has been developed and AuSable Construction has been contracted to build a \$121,000 addition to the Beaver Creek Fire Hall, to house MMR's operation. MMR will sign the ten year lease which will essentially pay for the entire building that Beaver Creek Township has taken out on loan from Citizens Bank. An annual payment will be made which basically figures out to be \$1,588 a month. MMR has agreed to pay for all construction costs, engineering,

attorney fees and any other additional costs.

The existing 7,000 square foot fire hall will impressively be doubled in size with the addition. The entire building will receive a new roof, new siding, new furnace and air conditioner as well as electrical upgrades that will allow a generator to function fully during a power loss. The addition will provide a lounge, day and night rooms, offices, showers and a utility room that will be shared between Fire Hall employees and MMR.

Beaver Creek will be paying for all the utilities and Holtcamp said he estimates that the bill will probably be another \$50 or \$75 a month in

additional costs and that the general fire fund could contribute that much. He suggested that if the cost surpasses that figure to a greater extent, then the township should cover the additional amount. The township's building insurance will increase as well, and Township Board members have no qualms about it, as the building essentially is theirs.

Holtcamp suggested March 2001 would be the soonest the new facility would be finished and it is proposed the subscription program offered to county residents will also be offered to the Beaver Creek Township residents. The plan would cost \$39 a year and would cover ambulance costs, not covered or fully covered by insurance.

Holtcamp remarked, "This is just an excellent opportunity for Beaver Creek, I never dreamed we would have an ambulance service here and that these people would go to this extent and take such a long view on things. MMR has spent substantial amounts of money in this county and everything that they said they would do, they have done. This is a great extension of protection for the community."

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Citizens combine efforts to save pony and pup

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new home.

In another animal rescue-type incident, Lobsinger received a call on Friday, December 15 from a woman in South Branch Township who said her pony had run off and was about five miles from home.

Lobsinger said this is the second time she has helped Vickie Sheathelm round up her wild pony since she purchased it. The pony has never been halter broke and has been field run her whole life. She is also soon to be a mother.

South Branch resident Pam Vineyard and Lobsinger's daughter, Melissa set out on foot attempting to find the pony. After a short trek they decided to tackle the mission on horseback. The pony was located later that day about 10 miles from home. The pair managed to run the pony back within a mile of home when she turned and bolted.

Calling it a day, Lobsinger informed Crawford County Central Dispatch about the situation, concerned the pony would end up on M-18, endangering her life as well

as the lives of motorists. The next move was to keep tabs on the location of the pony and give her food containing a tranquilizer to aid in her capture.

The tranquilizer had the opposite effect and the pony kept running from those in pursuit for almost three days.

Residents along the pony's escape route kept Lobsinger's group informed of her whereabouts and she finally ran into a portable corral after being baited again with food

on Monday, December 18.

"Efforts by a lot of people brought this pony back to her owner," Lobsinger said. The pony was led onto a trailer without incident or injury. Sheathelm is returning the pony to the point of purchase.

Lobsinger said she remembers her dad purchasing wild ponies when she was a kid. "They would have these ponies tranquilized at the sale and have kids climbing all over them. Once you got them home and off the trailer, watch out!" she said.

Shelter control may be taken up by county board

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could not be ascertained as of press time.

The original By-Laws state the purpose of the organization is to provide shelter and care for homeless animals, adoption services for animals, and information about animal welfare to adults and children. Membership to the ASCC is "open to anyone willing to subscribe to the purpose of ASCC and who donates money, time, or resources." Members are entitled to vote on animal shelter issues, hold elected office and vote on Board Members at the annual meeting. Board Members serve two year terms, beginning September 1 of year elected.

Resignations must be given in writing.

Prosecutor Huss stated at the county meeting that if the board were to dissolve because of the current problems, the courts would distribute money raised in the name of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. This is not entirely so. No court action would be needed if the dissolution took place according to the law and as long as an agreement could be reached by board members as to the choice of charitable organization(s) to receive the monies, most likely relating to animals.

Neither Lobsinger or shelter board members have expressed a desire to take the matter to court.


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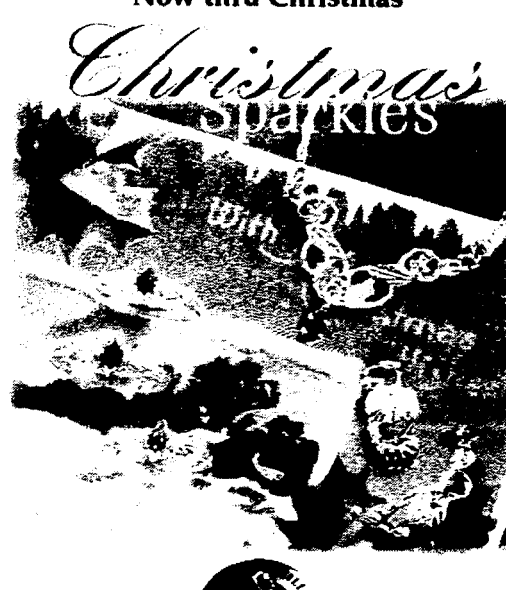
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City puts new hall plans on hold

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Council members voiced their displeasure with the SPD's plan at last Monday's council meeting. Representatives of the SPD and State Representative Ken Bradstreet's office were present. State Police representatives said the main reason for relocating to Gaylord is "consolidation." Many state services, such as central dispatch, motor carrier division, fire marshal, and the department's radio technicians, are housed in different buildings in Gaylord. The SPD also has a post in Gaylord. Consolidating

those services and the crime lab into one facility would be a more efficient use of funds and allow the department to serve the people better, SPD representatives said. Councilman Brian Banda explained that the city was in the middle of a \$650,000 project for a new city hall. If the SPD moved the crime lab in 10 years (when the lease expires), there would be no problem, and if the State Police relocated tomorrow there would be no problem, since the city could cut its losses on the new hall and move into the recently-renovated old hall, Banda said.

"I feel like I've been duped," said Councilman Jerry Hayes. "I'm very dissatisfied with this plan. We're out the money to the architects on the new building. I really feel like we've gotten a bad deal, a really bad deal." "The city has done everything the State Police has asked," said Mayor Marilyn Palmer. "We wanted to keep the State Police here."

Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner brought up Crawford County's current lack of 24-hour road patrol, noting the slim police availability after midnight in the county, and overall slight State Police presence, and asked why Grayling was not considered as a location for the proposed new complex. "We have virtually no State Police here at all," said Chief Schreiner. "It would be nice if our guys could get some back-up."

City Manager Allen Lowe also pleaded a case for Grayling as a location for the proposed new SPD facility, pointing out the abundance of state land (for potential construction sites) in a county that has easy access to I-75 and other highways. SPD representatives again pointed out the numerous State Police operations already in Gaylord, stating that it would be beneficial to bring all of those operations "under one

roof." SPD reps did note that the five-year plan was just recently published, and input, especially through state legislators, could have an impact on the final decision. The five-year plan is a document required by law, a law passed last year, and final funding decisions for the proposals within the plan will be made by the Michigan legislature. The city, meanwhile, is looking into what legal options it has, if any, with regard to the lease of the old city hall building. Lowe said it does not look like the city has many options.

"We really are stuck," he said. Councilman Dave Wyman moved to put the council's current plans for a new city hall on hold. Banda provided a second, and the motion passed 5-0. The city is now in the process of putting together a committee to work on keeping the State Police crime lab in the Grayling area. "The city needs to be proactive," said City Manager Lowe. Any person interested in serving on the committee should contact Lowe at the city office at 348-2131. Lowe also urges anyone with "ideas, input, or persuasive arguments" with regard to the crime lab situation to contact him, or submit the information in writing to the city office, even if not interested in serving on the committee.



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Court decides against former road board members


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Swiercz and Nelson, the county board unanimously agreed to let voters decide on Road Commission seats beginning with the next election. To fill the vacancies, the county board appointed John Hartman and Ken Riehle to serve out the remaining terms. Hartman was elected by county voters in November. Riehle will be up for election in 2004. In January, Judge Murphy denied the requested restraining order and injunction and on December 13 found no merit in the complaint to bring any action against the Crawford County Board of Commissioners or to award any damages to Swiercz and Nelson.

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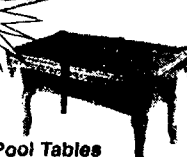
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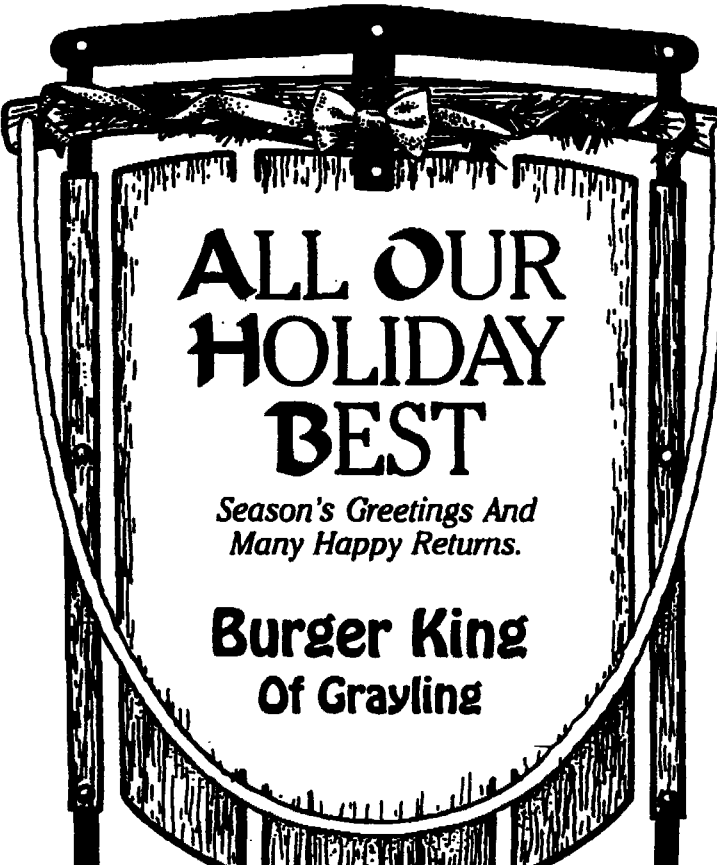
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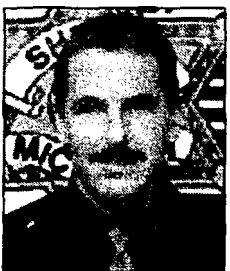
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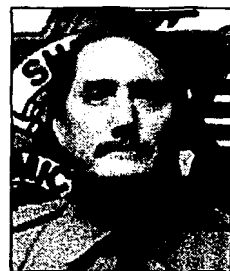
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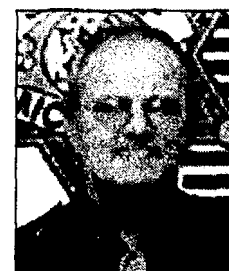
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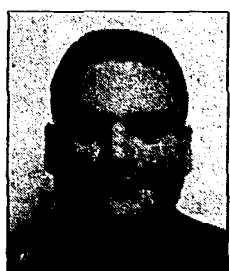
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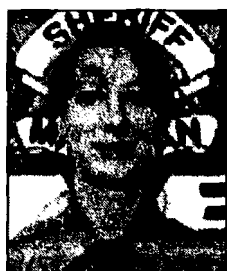
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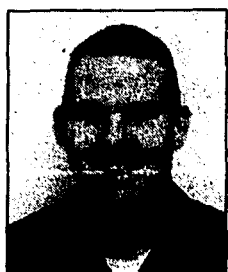
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Twelve named to District honors band



A dozen Grayling High School band members (named below) were chosen for this year's District II honors band and performed in Petoskey on December 3.

Twelve Grayling High School band members were accepted into the District II honors band last month out of several that auditioned for the group.

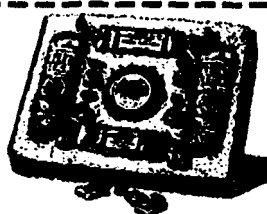
Students accepted into the

District II honors band include: Apryl Rugenstein, Lexi Bondar, Gail Hiliker, Gwen Seifert, Ann Hughes, Alexis Sumner, Michael Salyers, Kip Franklin, Matt Thomas, Ken Heinlein, Jason

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While this honor is primarily for his career as a coach, we would like to think that part of it is for the type of teacher he was. Any student that had him for a teacher knows that he tried to put a little humor in every lesson to make learning fun.

In the newspaper announcement about the gym dedication, it was mentioned that Bruce was a "Hall of Fame Coach." He was also a Hall of Fame Husband and Father and we all miss him very much.

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OBITUARIES

Alvin J. Rouse

May 20, 1920 - Dec. 17, 2000
Alvin J. Rouse, 80, of Grayling, died at his home on December 17, 2000.

Mr. Rouse was born on May 20, 1920, in Pontiac, to Ernest and Purma (Bombar) Rouse. On October 20, 1987 Alvin married Anna G. Long in Grayling.

Alvin was a member of the Michigan State Troopers from 1942-1945; he then worked for Ford Motor Company in Quality Control for 23 years before retiring in 1985 and moving to Grayling. Mr. Rouse was also a volunteer Fire Fighter from 1945-1975, serving as chief for 9 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law Brad Coulter.

Survivors include: his wife, Anna G. (Long) Rouse; one daughter, Pam (Paul) Kuck of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee; one son, Gary Rouse of Pontiac; four grandchildren; one sister, Zena (Wayne) Jacox of Gaylord; one brother, Don Rouse of Detroit and one daughter-in-law, Lynnette Coulter of Grayling.

Funeral services were held on December 20, 2000 at Sorenson Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling. Pastor Terry Colby officiated.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Douglas D. "John" Harmer

Feb. 17, 1928 - Dec. 18, 2000
Douglas D. "John" Harmer, 72, of Frederic, died at his home on December 18, 2000.

Mr. Harmer was born on February 17, 1928 in Pontiac to Percy Darwin and Catherine May (Horton) Harmer. On October 7, 1950, he married Barbara Tosto in Flint.

John has lived in Frederic since 1984. He served his country in the United States Army during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Mr. Harmer retired with 36 years of service at General Motors in Burton. He was also an American Legion member at the Grayling Post #106. B.P.O.E. Elks at Houghton Lake Lodge, was a member of the Grayling Country Club and the Grayling Youth Booster Club. He

spent leisure time deer hunting, fly fishing and golfing.

Mr. Harmer is preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Doris Bigham and one brother Eugene Harmer.

Survivors include: his wife Barbara (Tosto) Harmer; one daughter, Julie Clay and Brian Thompson of Flushing; one son: Greg Harmer of Clio; one sister-in-law, Mildred Harmer of Frederic and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitations were Tuesday and Wednesday, with the funeral following on Thursday, December 21, 2000 at 1:00pm, at Sorenson Funeral Home. Dr. Robert Barnett officiating. Military Honors will be accorded him in the spring at his interment in Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic by the Grayling American Legion Post #106.



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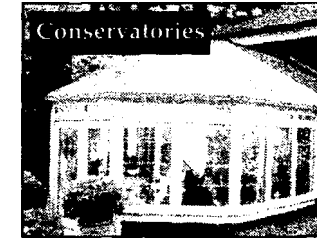
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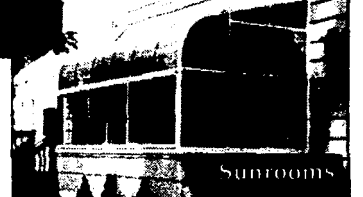


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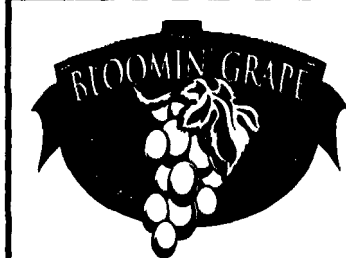
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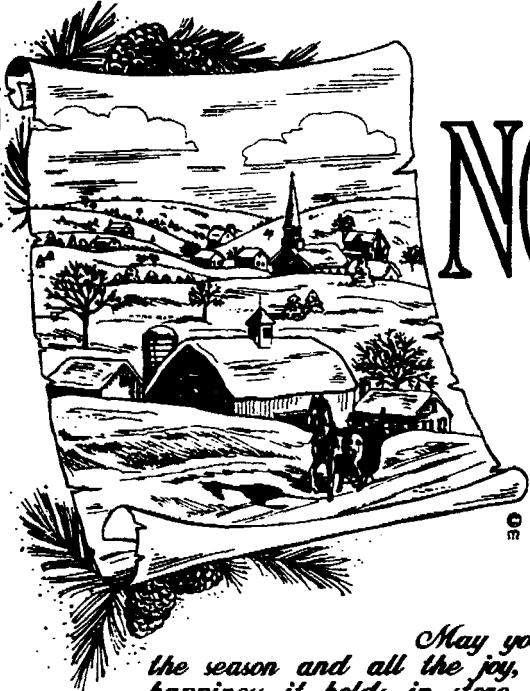


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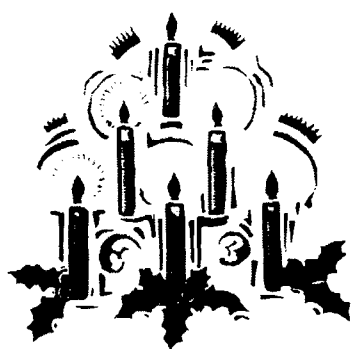
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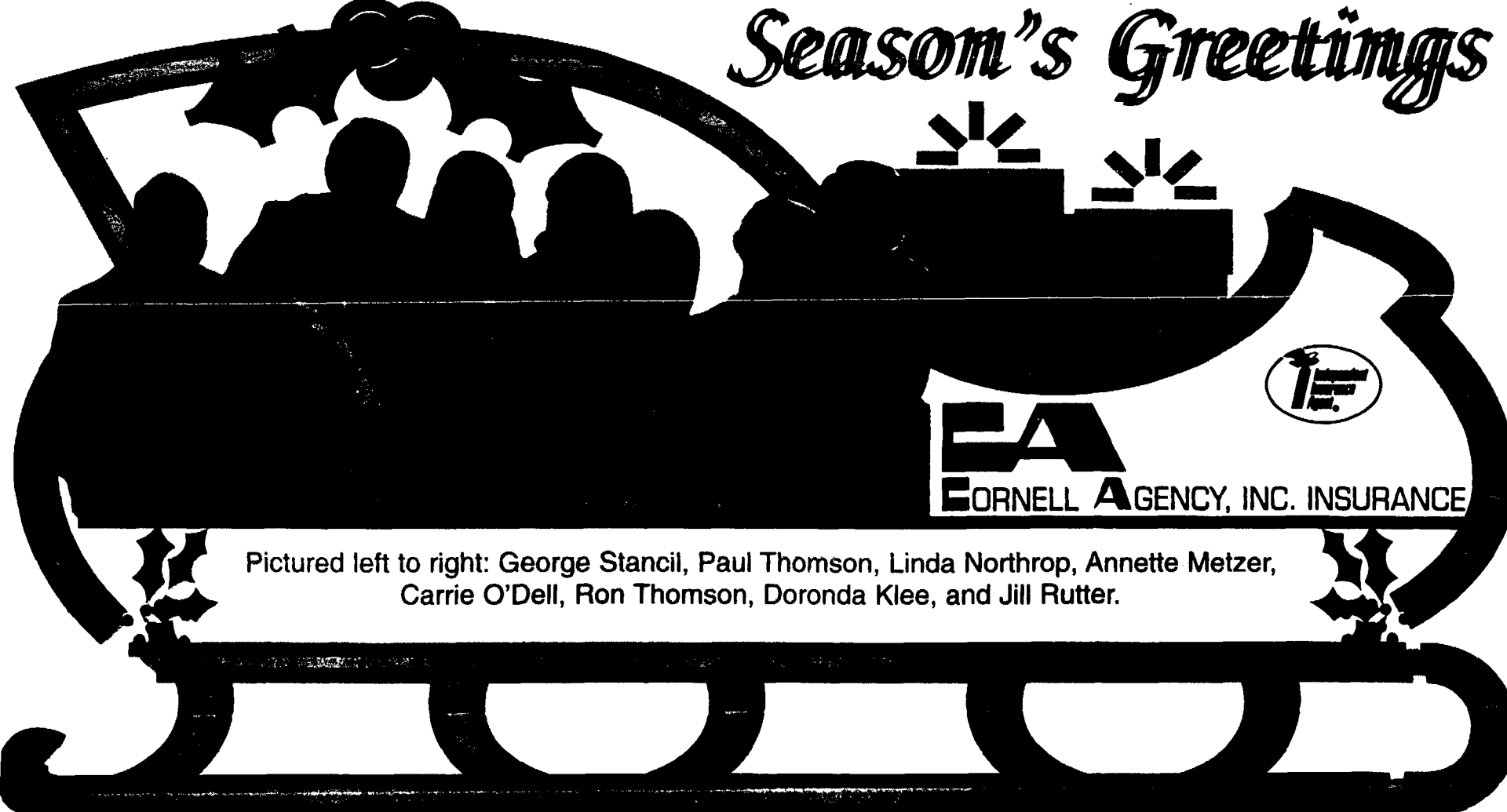


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Volleyball 8B

Vikings defeat Standish, Bay City

► After a special ceremony Friday, Vikings dominate Bay City Bobcats

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling's varsity boys basketball team opened its conference schedule with two wins last week, defeating Standish Sterling on Tuesday and dominating Bay City John Glenn at Grayling Middle School last Friday.

Friday's game against the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn was played at the middle school following a dedication ceremony of the gym in honor of the late Bruce Smith, a former GHS boys basketball coach. Smith coached at Grayling for 17 years. Throughout his 21-year coaching career, Smith amassed a win/loss record of 275-123, won two conference championships, won six District titles and three Regional titles, and is a member of both the Michigan Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Michigan High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

After the ceremony, the Vikings tore into visiting John Glenn, stifling Bay City's offense with aggressive full court pressure defense and good presence on the boards. The Vikings controlled the game from the beginning, and by halftime, led by 17, 38-21.

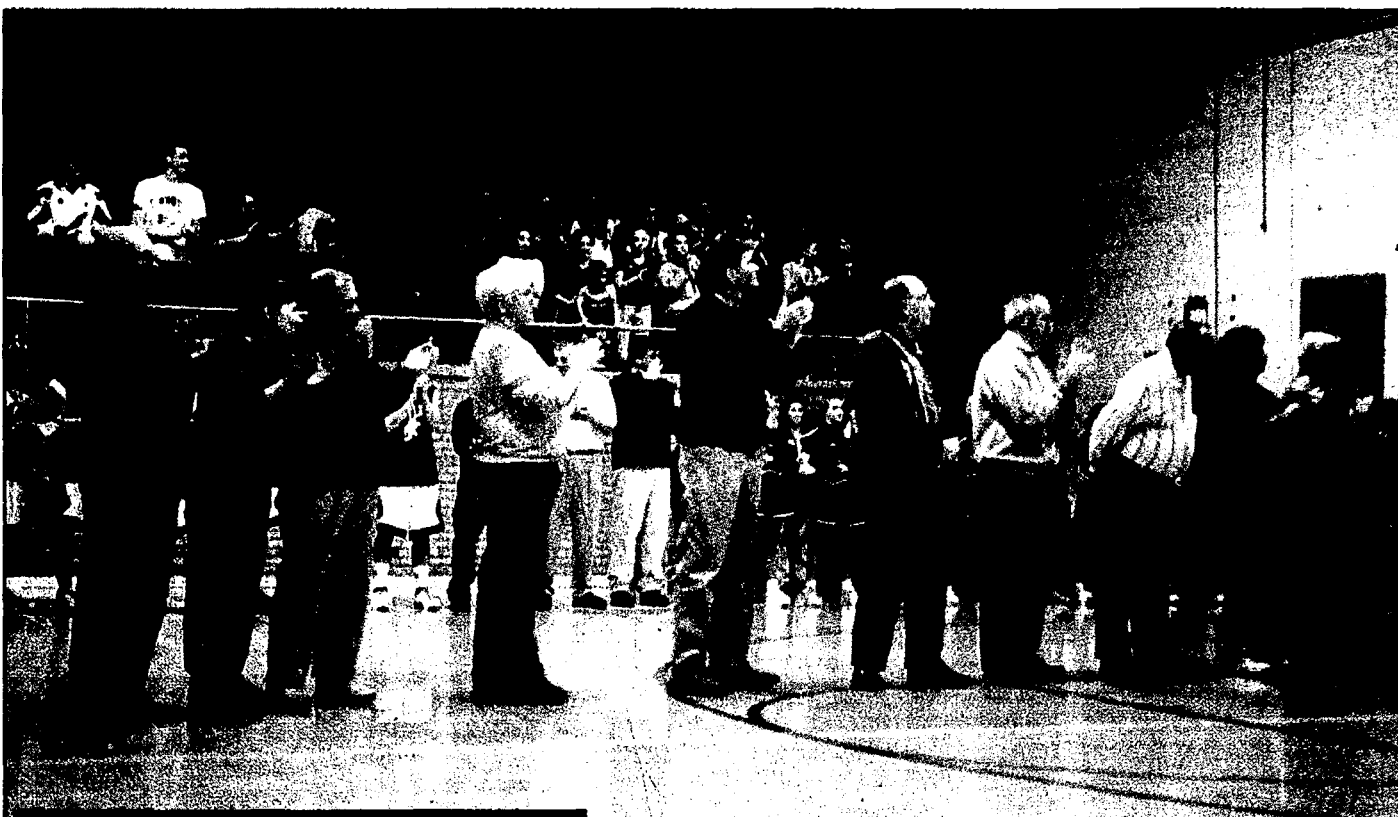
The Vikings poured in 23 points to Bay City's six in the third period

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See "VIKINGS DEFEAT..."

Dedication ceremony held

GMS gym dedicated to former GHS basketball coach Bruce Smith



Photos by Caleb Casey
Last Friday, a ceremony was held at Grayling Middle School in between the JV and varsity boys basketball games commemorating the gym in honor of the late Bruce Smith, a former GHS boys basketball coach. (Left) Smith's wife Corrine speaks during the ceremony, after being introduced by Jim Burtch. Burtch, who played under Smith at GHS, also spoke at the event. (Above) School board members, men who played for Coach Smith, and the varsity basketball and cheer teams line up for the unveiling of the "Bruce Smith Gymnasium" sign. (Above right) Brad Gorski shoots a three-pointer in the game against Bay City John Glenn, which followed the ceremony. The new sign can be seen in the background. (Right) Representatives of the GHS athletic department and members of Smith's family unveil the new sign.



JV Vikings survive Bay City comeback

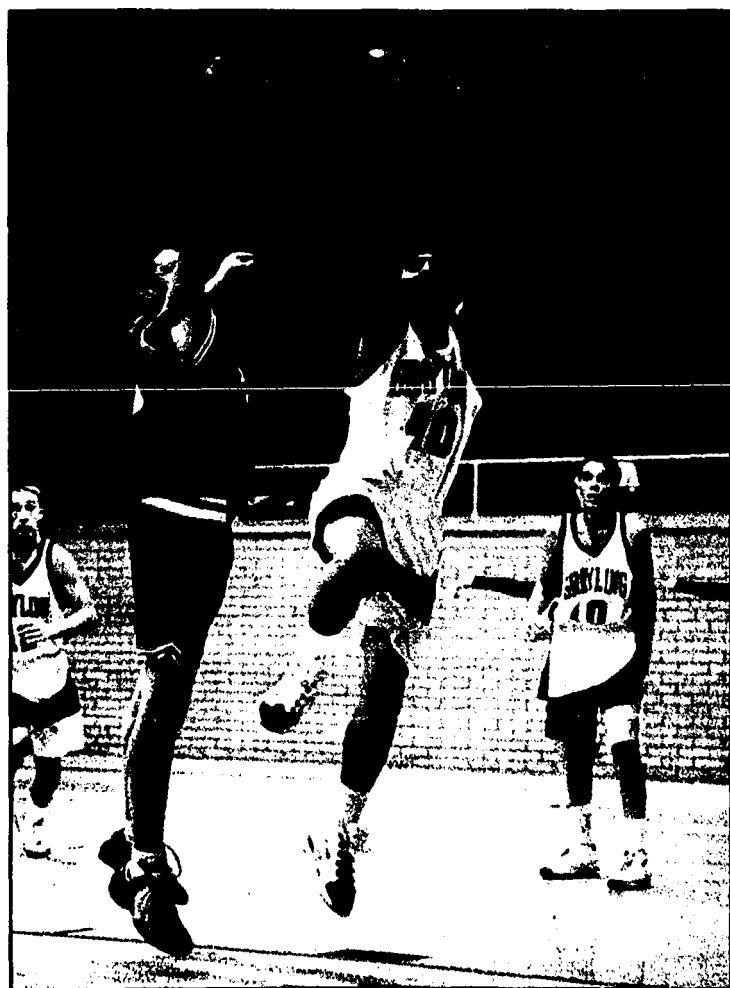


Photo by Caleb Casey

Brett Mead goes up for a lay-up in last Friday's JV team win over Bay City John Glenn. Grayling finished the game with four players after two fouled out, and weathered a tough Bay City run in the fourth quarter to win it. For more on the JV team, see Page 4B.

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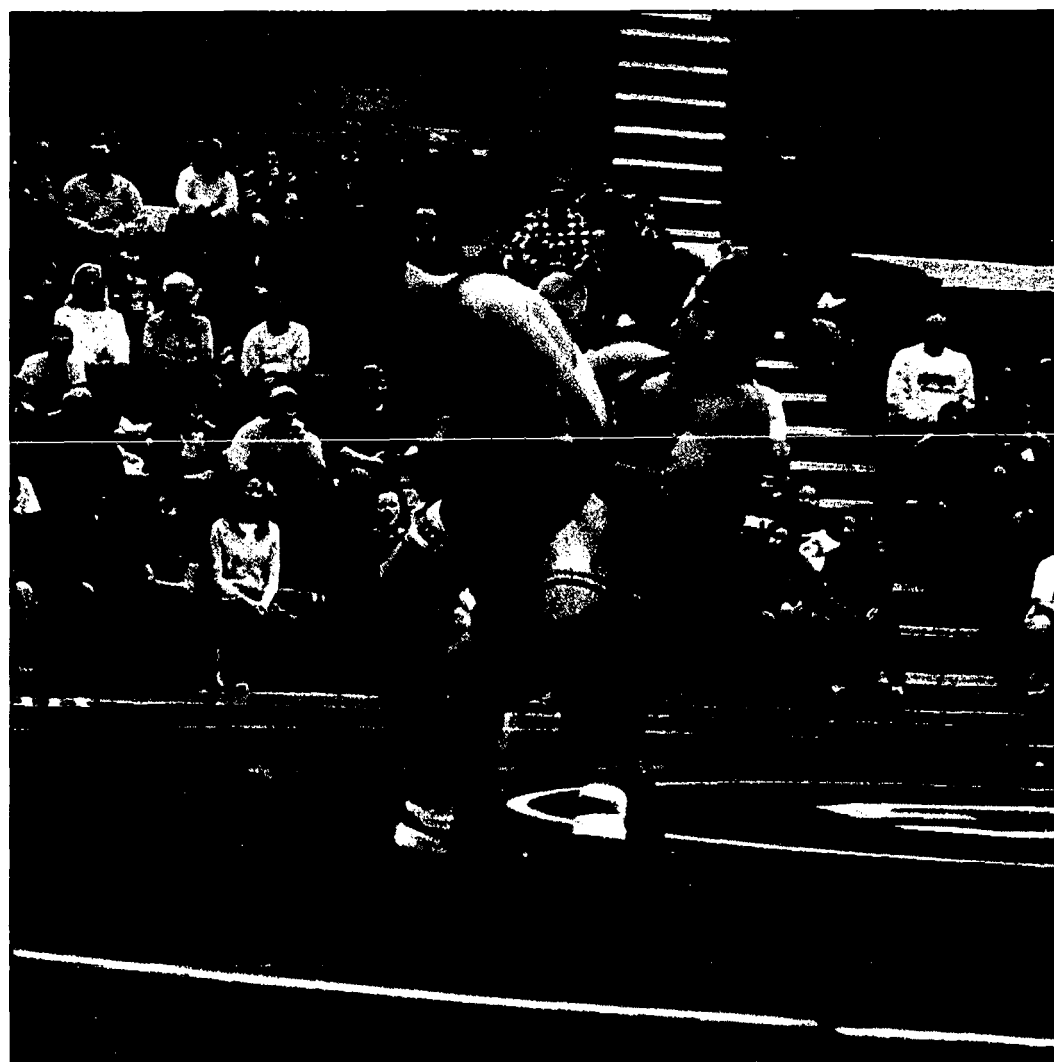


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Chris Peters (right) goes for a take-down in last Thursday's meet against Petoskey and Standish Sterling Central. Peters, wrestling in the 171-pound division, won his bout with Petoskey (pictured) by a 9-1 decision, and was victorious in his match with Standish as well. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 10B.

Freshman team beats Rosco, Kalkaska

► 9th grade boys basketball team beats Bucks by 30, Blazers by nine

Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team won both of its games last week, defeating Roscommon by 30 points on Monday and finishing nine points ahead of Kalkaska.

Against the visiting Roscommon Bucks, Travis Gildner scored 27 points to lead Grayling's scoring effort. Joe Lange scored 13 points; Tyler Knapp finished with 12; and Andy Strohpaal and Chad Helsel each scored 10. Lange led the team in rebounds with 11. Gildner grabbed seven rebounds.

Grayling won the game by a final score of 78-48.

"Offensively, we were much more sharp tonight," said Coach Duane VanDrese. "We were able to use our quickness to get several easy shots. Defensively, we gave up too many good looks and easy shots early. We made some adjustments at halftime and did a much better job in the third and fourth quarters."

On the strength of a great first half, the Vikings defeated the

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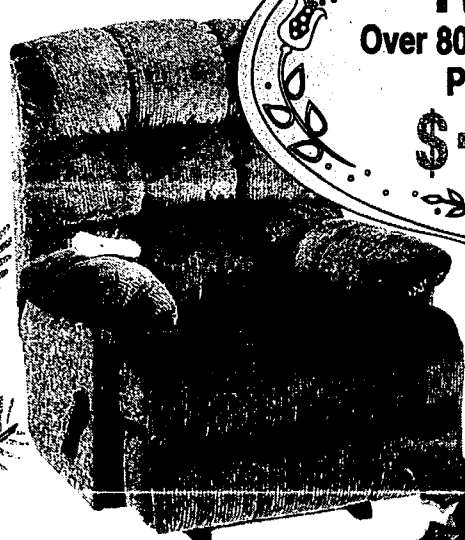
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JV Vikings survive Bay City comeback

► Junior varsity squad defeats Bay City, falls to Standish Sterling

by Caleb Casey
 Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity basketball team won its first game of the season last Friday, defeating Bay City John Glenn in Grayling 70-68.

The Vikings led by 12 at halftime (34-22) and were up by eight going into the fourth quarter. Bay City put together a strong run in the fourth quarter, but Grayling weathered it to come away with the victory. After two GHS players fouled out in the fourth period, the Vikings were forced to finish the match with only

four players on the floor.

Grayling came close to completing an incredible comeback last Tuesday against the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central, but couldn't quite pull it off.

The game was close in the first quarter. Standish hit the first bucket, then Joe Zelek put GHS up 3-2 with a triple. A free throw and a fast break basket put SSC up by two. A free throw Chris Wakeley and another three-pointer by Zelek gave Grayling a two-point edge, 7-5. Standish scored the next two baskets to re-take the lead. Two free throws by James Kenney at the 3:34 mark tied the game at 9-9.

Standish then scored a triple and a basket inside to lead by five. A drive by Adam Kaiser pulled the Vikings within three. After a jumper by Standish, Kenney scored the last two points of the first quarter on a pair of free throws.

SSC led 16-13 after one quarter. Standish hit the first two points of the second quarter with two free throws. Greg Morrill scored on a move to the basket, then Kaiser hit two of two at the free throw line to bring Grayling within one, 18-17.

For the next two minutes, Standish took control of the game, outscoring Grayling 10-0 to take a 28-17 lead. After a basket by Jessie Gildner, SSC scored four more points to lead by 13, 32-19. A triple by Standish at the 3:14 mark put SSC up by 15, 35-20.



Photo by Caleb Casey

James Kenney controls the ball for Grayling.

Wakeley scored three of four free throws in two trips to the line to cut the Standish lead to 12. With 16 seconds left in the half, Zelek connected on two of two at the free throw stripe. Standish Sterling led 39-25 at the half.

Neither team was able to gain any ground on the scoreboard in a low-scoring third quarter, but the Vikings were in serious foul trouble. Kenney fouled out with about 1:30 left in the third quarter, and Brett Mead, Gildner, and Wakeley all had four fouls, just one short of disqualification. Kaiser had three fouls.

The Vikes scored nine third quarter points on two free throws by Kaiser, jump shots by Kaiser and Kenney, and a triple by Zelek, his third of the contest. SSC led by 15 going into the fourth quarter, but had been up by as many as 20 in the latter part of the third period.

The Vikings continued to play hard, and put in a great effort in the fourth period to try to steal the game.

Morrill scored a jump shot to open the fourth quarter. The Panthers hit two buckets to add to their lead. Morrill scored a shot inside on an assist from Kaiser to cut the SSC lead back to 15. After a basket inside by Standish, the Vikings went on a 7-0 run, quickly pulling within 10. The run included a jumper by Gildner, a free throw by Wakeley, a lay-up Mead on an assist by Kaiser, and a jumper by Mead.

Down by 10 but with the momentum on their side, the Vikings were still in the game. Standish scored a bucket at the 4:12 mark to go up by 17. With 2:56 left in the game, Morrill scored two free throws to pull GHS back within 10.

A drive by Kaiser at the 2:02 mark brought Grayling within nine, 58-49. A free throw by Gildner with 1:35 left on the clock cut the SSC lead to eight.

With 1:07 left, Standish scored a basket to go back up by 10. A jumper by Morrill cut the lead back down to eight with 49 seconds left in the game. SSC scored an important basket at the other end to stay up by 10. The Vikings were running out of time.

Wakeley hit one of two free throws with 33 seconds left to pull Grayling within nine. A steal by Kaiser got the ball back for GHS. Kaiser was fouled, and he converted both free throws to bring the Vikings within seven with 20 seconds left. Neither team would score again, however, and the Panthers won the game by a final score of 62-55.

Kaiser led the Vikings with 12 points. Zelek finished with 11, and Morrill scored 10 points. In all, seven Vikings scored points in the match.

The team doesn't play again until after the holiday break. On January 5, the Vikings will face the Gladwin Flying G's at Gladwin. On January 9, Grayling will play at Pinconning. The Vikings will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, January 12, at 6:15 p.m.

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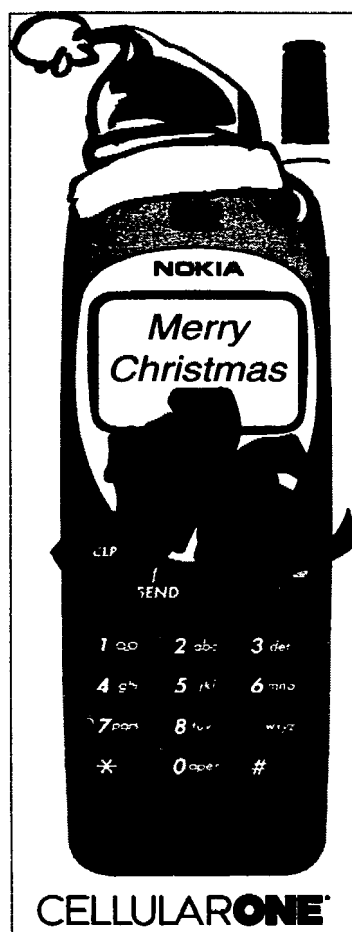
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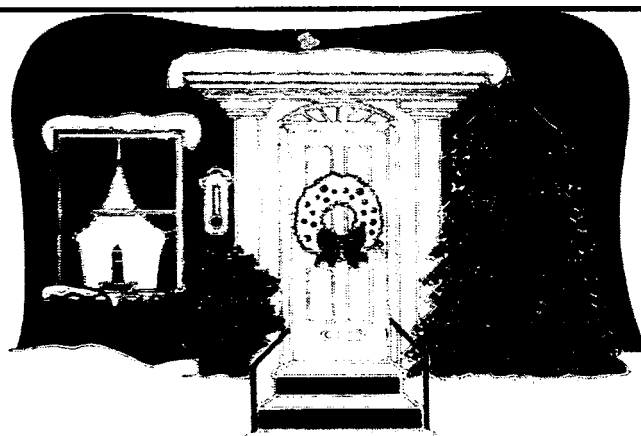
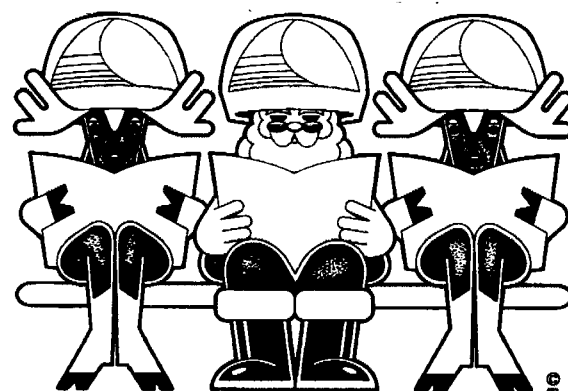
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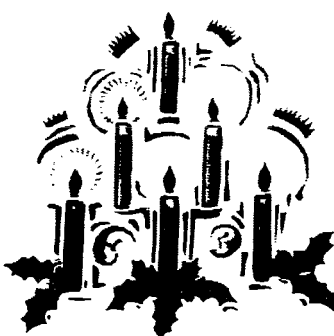
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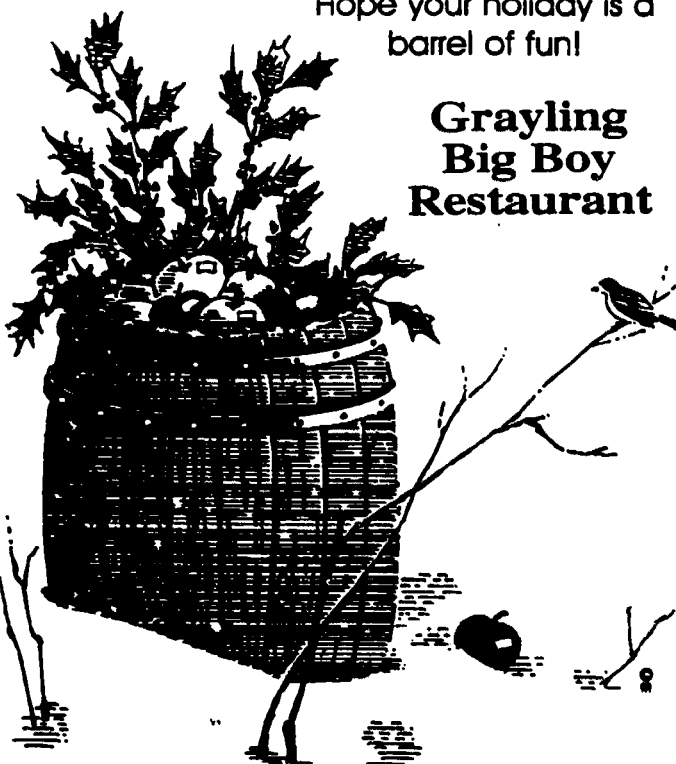
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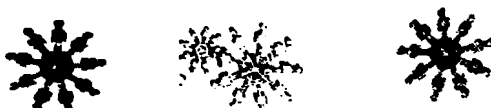


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Vikings defeat Standish, Bay City

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Grayling's second string played the entire fourth quarter, and played well, to seal the lop-sided victory 79-46.

"Our kids put together a solid effort on a very special night," said Coach Rich Moffit. "Coach Smith was a special coach and our kids felt honored to play on this night."

Out of 12 Vikings that scored points in the match, Brad Gorski was the scoring leader with 15. Gorski also posted eight assists and four steals. Levi Burkett scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Marcus Bobenmoyer also had eight rebounds.

R.J. Schmidt, Marcus Marelich, Chris Youngblood, Dave Golnick, Scott Latusek, Larry Baynham, Ryan Mahaffy, Bobenmoyer, Arturs Graube, and Dan Mead also scored for GHS in the Bay City match.

On Tuesday, the team defeated a decent Standish Sterling Central squad 69-58.

The game was close for most of the night. Grayling played with a lot of intensity and worked hard on defense, while fighting for rebounds down low. The Vikings managed to keep it in high-gear for the duration of the match, and came out with the victory.

Grayling edged Standish in first quarter scoring 13-12. The Vikings

got points from a free throw by Marelich, two jump shots by Mahaffy, a put-back by Golnick, a free throw by Mead, a triple by Bobenmoyer, and two free throws from Burkett.

The Vikings scored 23 points in the second quarter to SSC's 18. Gorski scored 11 points in the period, including a triple. Grayling shot 10 for 10 from the free throw line in the quarter, including four makes from Gorski, four from Burkett, and two by Golnick.

(In the first half, Grayling hit 14 of 16 free throws, while Standish connected on just 5 of 14.)

Grayling led 36-30 at the half.

The Vikings opened the third quarter with a triple by Bobenmoyer. Standish hit the next five points to cut Grayling's lead to four, 39-35. With 3:25 left in the period, Gorski stole the ball and drove for a fast break lay-up to end a four-minute GHS scoring drought.

With 1:44 remaining in the period, Burkett completed a three-point play to give the Vikings a 46-38 lead. With under a minute left in the third, Gorski scored a lay-up, then hit a jumper in the final seconds to put GHS up by 10 (52-42) going into the fourth period.

In the first minute of the fourth, Gorski scored on two drives to the basket to put Grayling up by 14. Two free throws by Schmidt put Grayling up 58-43. Standish started to chip away at the Grayling lead, but continued to shoot poorly from the free throw line.

(The Panthers hit just 11 of 34 free throws in the game, and 6 of 20 in the second half. Grayling shot 24 of 32 for the game, 10 of 16 in the second half. The Vikings also out-rebounded SSC 24-10 in the second half.)

At the 3:02 mark, Standish hit a three-pointer to cut Grayling's lead to six, 60-54. Bobenmoyer hit a lay-up on a nice pass from Mahaffy with 2:20 left on the clock to put GHS up by eight. Standish scored the next two buckets to pull within four, 62-58, with two minutes left in the game.

With 1:53 remaining, Mead scored two of two at the free throw line to give Grayling a six-point advantage. Standish tried for three at the other end, missed, and Bobenmoyer came up with the

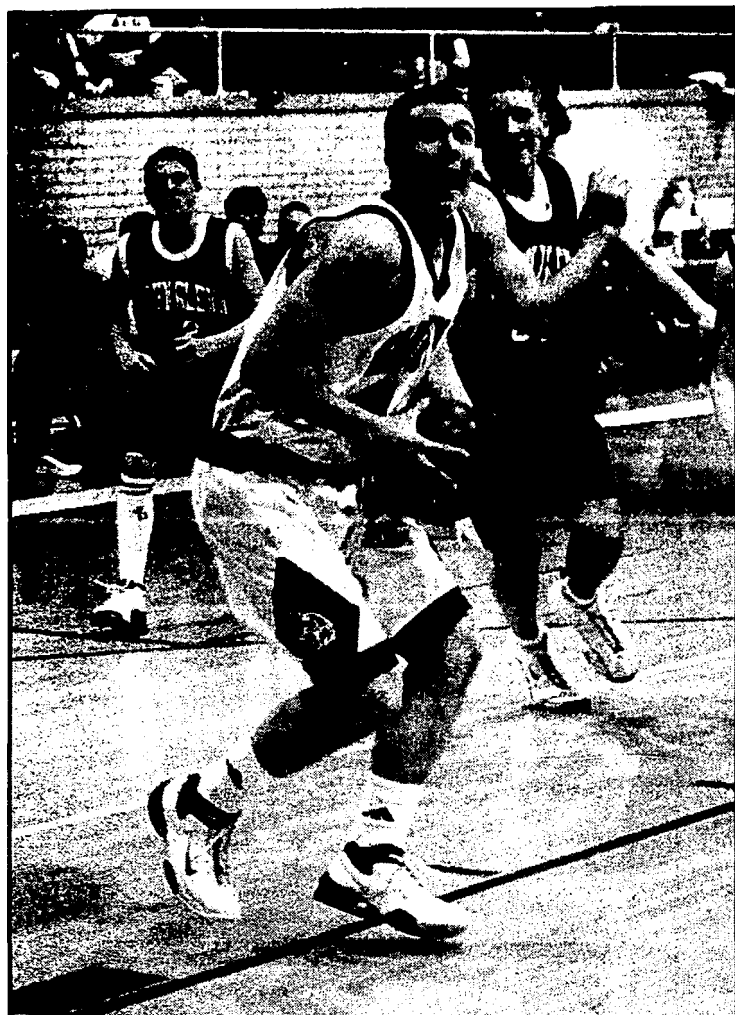


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Wes Fox goes up for a lay-up in Friday night's game.

rebound. Grayling burned 30 seconds off the clock before Gorski was fouled.

Gorski hit the first foul shot, but missed the second. Burkett grabbed the rebound and dished off. Mahaffy was fouled, and hit one of two at the line to give the Vikings an eight-point lead.

With 35 seconds left, SSC went to the line for two, and missed both. Gorski rebounded the intentional miss on the second Standish foul shot, and he was immediately fouled by Standish to stop the clock. Gorski hit both shots to put Grayling up by 10 (68-58) with 30 seconds left. SSC would not score again, and Grayling came away with the 11-point win, 69-58.

"Our kids played a very intense game for 32 minutes," said Coach Moffit. "We showed some composure when Standish cut our lead to 62-58 late in the fourth. We went on

a 7-0 run to end the game."

Gorski, who played a great game on both ends of the court, finished with 27 points, nine rebounds, and seven assists. He hit 8 of 11 at the free throw line. Burkett added 13 points to the scoring effort, including 7 of 7 at the line. Bobenmoyer scored 12 points, grabbed eight rebounds, and had some great blocks on defense. He finished the game with six blocked shots.

Mahaffy, Golnick, Mead, Schmidt, and Marelich also scored points in the game for GHS.

Grayling is now 2-0 in the North East Michigan Conference (3-1 overall).

The Vikings do not play again until after the holiday break. The team will play at Gladwin on January 5, and at Pinconning on January 9. The next home game will be on Friday, January 12, against West Branch Ogemaw Heights.

8th grade team falls to HL in season opener

► GMS Vikings lose to Bobcats 47-41

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade boys basketball (green) team lost its season opener to Houghton Lake last Wednesday 47-41 in Grayling.

"The kids played hard, but were dominated physically in the first half," said Coach Craig Hofman. "Defense was our downfall. Houghton Lake shot the ball very well, but our defense allowed open shots because they didn't get through the screens."

"We shut down their best two players in the second half, but

allowed others to get wide open shots. We also played very well offensively, but did not hit open shots. We were only four of 11 from the line," said Coach Hofman.

Josh Hinkle scored 15 points, had four rebounds, and posted four steals in the match. Gibson Tobin scored 11, and Ryan Davis added 10. Jess Bobenmoyer played "great defense," Coach Hofman said.

"This team has a lot of talent, but need to realize they have changed and the other teams have changed, and they need to adjust," said Hofman.

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ACC 331	Taxation II	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
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MGT 400	Leadership Effectiveness	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
HIS 202	American History 1820-1900	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	T
COM 122	College Writing II	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W
ACC 400	Auditing	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W
MKT 301	Principles of Marketing	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W
MGT 345	Purchasing & Materials Management	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	W
COM 212	Introduction to Speech	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	Th
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FIN 340	Corporate Finance	4.5	6:00-9:25pm	Th

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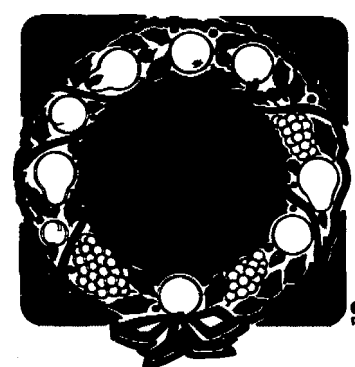
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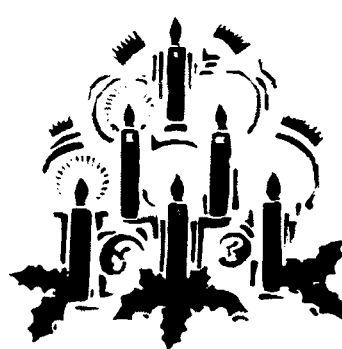
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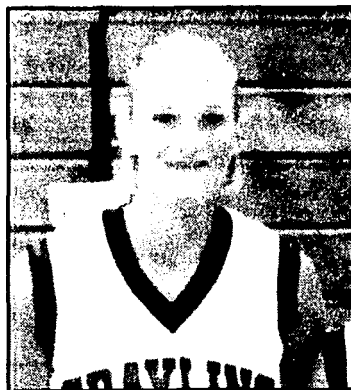
Three Vikings earn all-league honors

► Three GHS girls basketball players garner all-NEMC honors for 2000

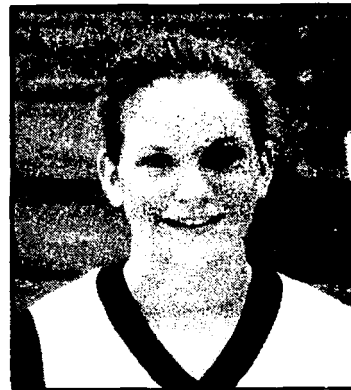
At the Grayling High School girls basketball program's annual awards banquet, three all-conference honors were recognized for Viking players: Lori Hinkle was named to the All-NEMC 1st team; Kristy Hulbert made the all-league 2nd team; and Emily Fox received an "honorable mention."

(All-conference candidates are nominated by the coaches, and each of the other league coaches vote on the final awards. Coaches can not vote for their own players.)

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• Captain's Award -- Danielle Niederer, Hulbert, Fox.

At the annual awards banquet, which over 100 people attended, the

coaching staff stated its appreciation for the support of the parents this past season, and for the gifts from the players.

Volleyball team competes in tournament

► Vikings split with Kalkaska and Clare in Lake City Tournament

Grayling High School's varsity girls volleyball team competed in a seven-team tournament at Lake City this past Saturday.

The Vikings split with Clare, losing the first match 15-2, then winning the second game 16-14. Grayling fell to Brethren 15-8, 15-5.

The Vikes split with Kalkaska with a 15-4 loss in the first match and a 15-9 win in game two. GHS lost two close matches with Sacred Heart (15-13, 15-8). The team finished the tourney at 2-8.

"We struggled with serving in our first game against Clare, losing 2-15, then in the second game we beat them 16-14. We had a similar match against Kalkaska," said Coach Angie Golnick. "We are still making adjustments in our game strategies, but are becoming an effective team. Through all the struggles, we have learned and benefited."

In the tournament, Jamie Dent led the team in assists with 34. Dent also had six kills, eight digs, and five aces. Kristy Hulbert had 29 assists, six kills, 12 digs, and nine aces; Arica Wolcott scored 25 digs, 11 blocks, 11 kills, and one ace; Ashley Wolcott finished with 29 digs, five kills, and two aces; Emily Fox recorded 22 digs, six kills, four blocks, and one assist; and Lori Hinkle had 13 kills, 15 digs, three aces, and five blocks.

On Thursday, December 16, the Vikings will play at Standish Sterling Central. On Saturday, January 6, the team will compete in the Petoskey Tournament.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ashley Wolcott (above) and Jamie Dent (above right) hit shots at the net for the Vikings.



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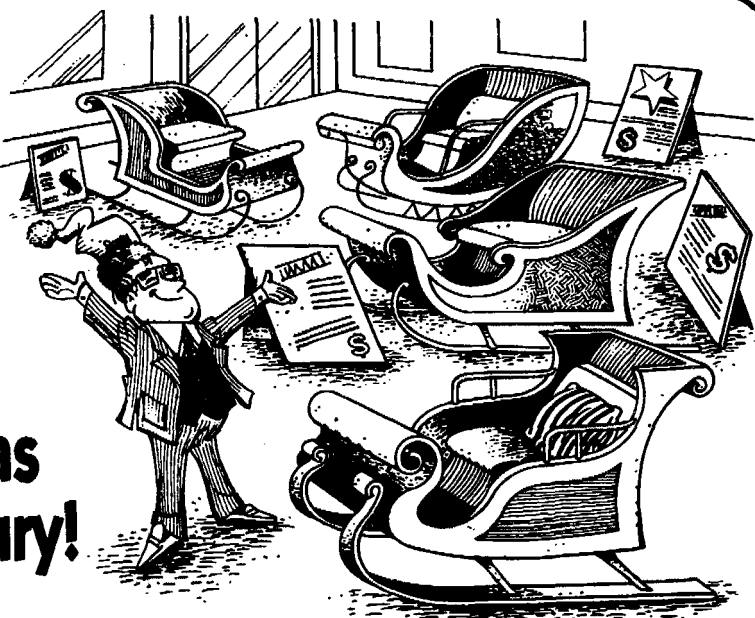
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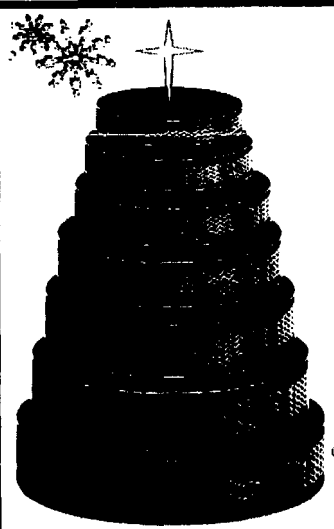


Pictured from left to right: Barbara Graf PA-C, Barbara Gielinski N.P., Linda McMann,
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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

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Basketball is a popular winter sport. Played competitively or recreationally, it can wreak havoc on the feet due to its stops and starts, jumping, and running. The foot and ankle suffer tremendous pressure in basketball, and injuries are common. Acute injuries occur with a sudden blow or fall, while chronic injuries result from extended wear and tear. Ankle sprains, torn ligaments, muscle pulls, ruptured tendons, and fractures are some common acute injuries. An acute injury requires immediate medical attention and is often treated initially with the RICE method - rest, ice, compression, and elevation. Stress fractures, plantar fasciitis, shin splints, Achilles heel, and tendinitis are common chronic injuries associated with basketball. Stretching, warm-ups, and proper conditioning can help prevent chronic conditions.

Although playing basketball today may differ greatly from the game's earliest moments, its fundamental elements of running, jumping, cutting, stopping, and shooting on a hard floor remain essentially the same. Your podiatrist can be a valuable member of your team by addressing the game's acute injuries from a sudden blow, or chronic injuries that develop slowly and become aggravated over time. Don't let your sport keep you sidelined - call GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Wearing basketball-specific shoes will support the foot and ankle and help reduce the potential for injury.



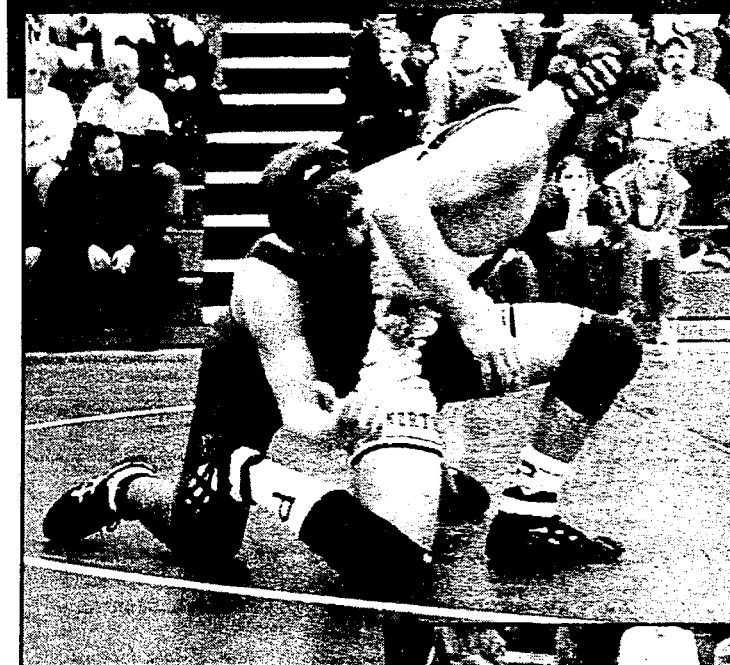
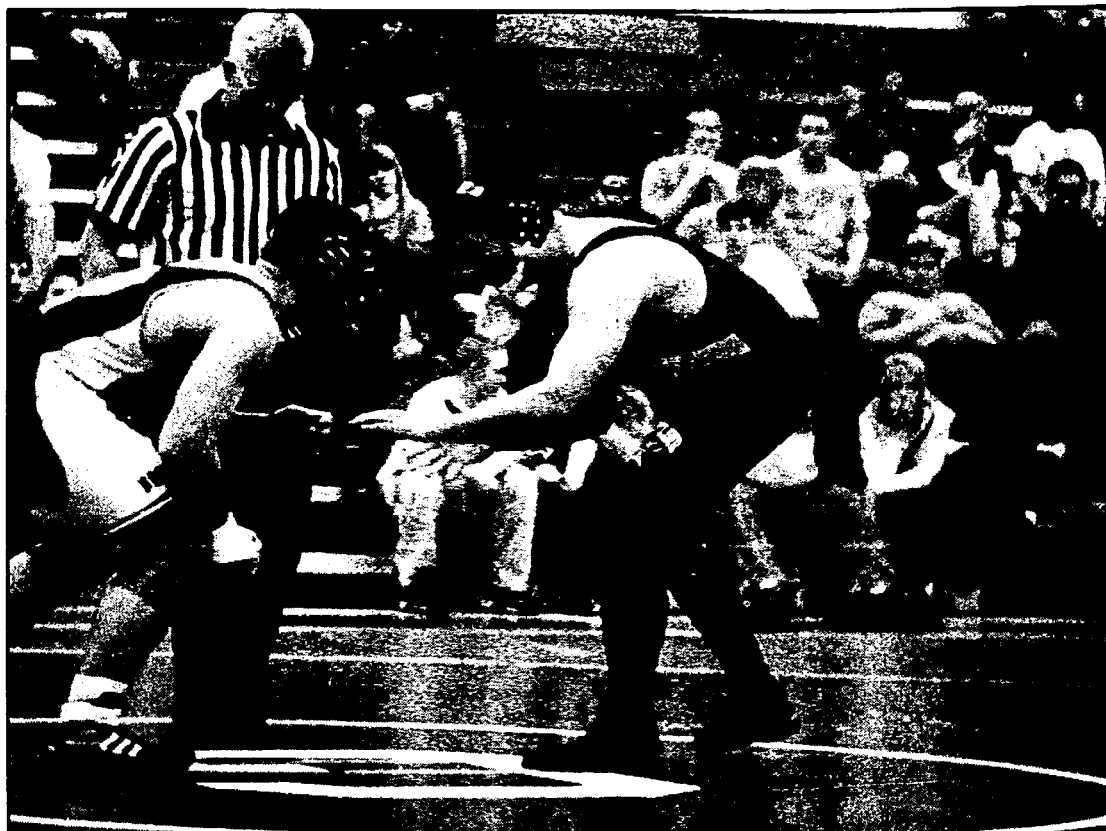
Wrestling team wins tourney, splits dual

In a dual meet in Grayling last Thursday, the GHS wrestling team tied Standish 42-42 and lost to Petoskey 47-22.

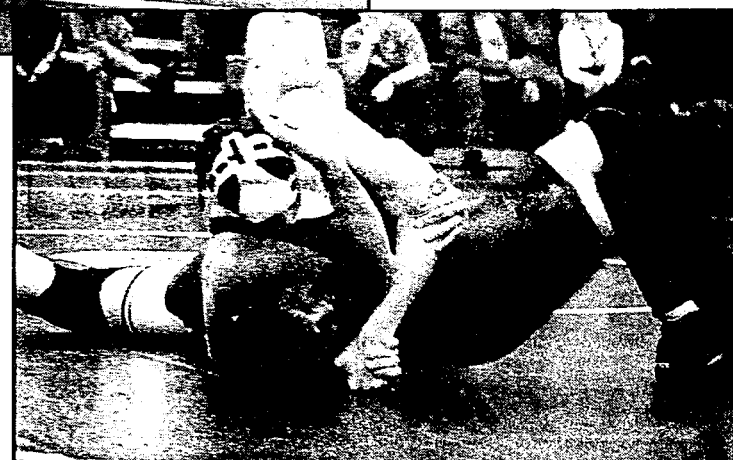
Darryl Babbitt (140), Chris Peters (171), Victor CdeBaca (189), and Alfred Borchers (215) each won both of their matches.

On Saturday, December 16, the Vikings won the Charlevoix Tournament for the third year in a row. CdeBaca, Peters, and Andy Palmer (125) each took first place in their respective weight divisions. Adam Malone (112), Babbitt, and Dusty Partello (145) took second place in their divisions.

For more complete results of Grayling's tournament win, see next week's *Avalanche*.



Photos by Caleb Casey
(Above) Victor CdeBaca squares off against an opponent from Petoskey last Thursday. CdeBaca won the match, and defeated his Standish opponent. (Left) Darryl Babbitt works to control his Petoskey opponent. (Below) Alfred Borchers goes for a pin against Petoskey. Borchers and Babbitt also won both of their matches last Thursday.



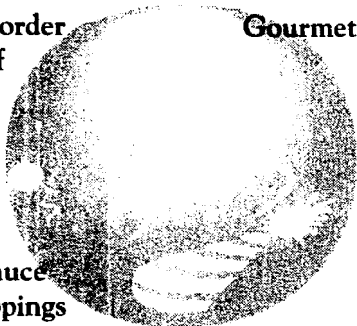
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Monday, January 1, 2001 11:00 am - 3:00 pm



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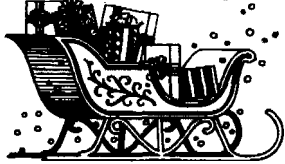
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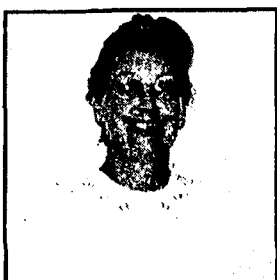
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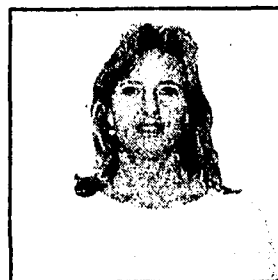


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For The Week Of December 24-30

ARIES
March 21-April 20
Enjoy a week filled with holiday cheer and try to relax—stress will prevent you from making the most of a family gathering. Ignore a busybody's cruel remarks if you possibly can.

TAURUS
April 21-May 21
Practice tact throughout this holiday week, in the interest of family harmony. Someone close to you is feeling the effects of a difficult season. Try to help, if you can.

GEMINI
May 22-June 21
Exciting holiday gatherings may take most of your time, but try to make contact with someone distant who may be in need of a little attention. You'll be glad you did.

CANCER
June 22-July 22
A bold move earns you respect from an unexpected quarter. Follow it up with some solid background, and you could really make a big impression on someone whose opinion really counts. Don't be afraid of a backbiter at work.

LEO
July 23-August 23
Someone who's bothering you may be doing so as a result of a deep insecurity. Try to defuse any impression of competition between you, and see if that doesn't alter the chemistry.

VIRGO
August 24-September 22
It's possible this week to alter someone's opinion of you. It could go either way, so be sure to put on a happy face. Holiday gatherings are a source of pleasure and excitement for you and your family.

LIBRA
September 23-October 23
Someone who shares your interests in most areas could be the other half of a holiday romance for you. Don't be afraid to put out feelers to see where their interests lie.

SCORPIO
October 24-November 22
Changes at work could be causing you to worry. Get as much information as you can. It will ease your mind to know what's really happening. If your stress level continues to rise, confide in an intimate associate for some sound advice.

SAGITTARIUS
November 23-December 21
Don't neglect last-minute chores in your holiday excitement. A list will help you organize your time. Institute a new family tradition, to make this holiday a memorable one.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 20
Fulfilling a promise, even if it's difficult, is a big part of making this holiday go smoothly for you. If you've forgotten something, or are feeling overwhelmed, ask for help.

AQUARIUS
January 21-February 18
Professionalism is the key throughout a tense office situation. Spreading (or starting!) gossip could really hurt your reputation, reduce your effectiveness, and hurt someone's feelings, so don't indulge.

PISCES
February 19-March 20
Pay close attention to holiday finances. You may be tempted to spend more than you had planned, but you will regret it later if you do. Plan travel carefully, and allow for potential bad weather, if that's a factor.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

TWO TONE CHEESECAKE

Serves: Approx. 12

Crust:
1 cup graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons butter, melted

Filling:
4 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1 1/3 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup hot fudge topping

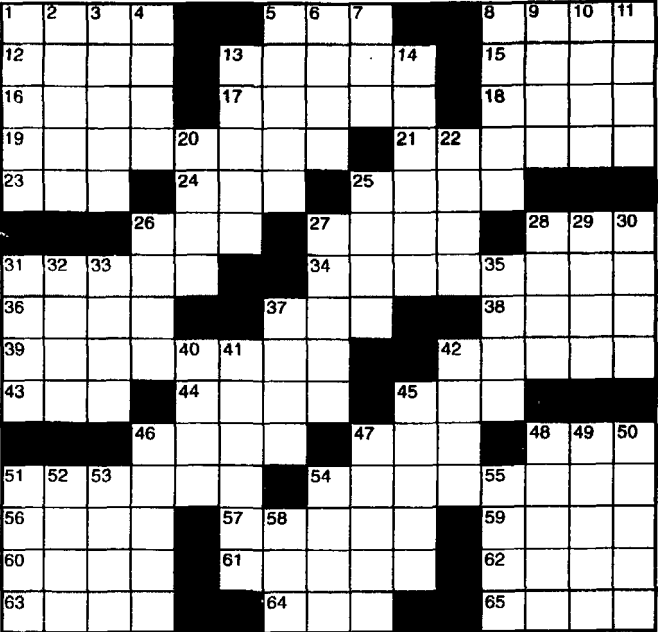
Heat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease bottom of 9-inch springform pan. For crust com-

bine all ingredients; mix well. Press onto bottom of prepared pan; set aside. For filling, beat cream cheese and sugar on medium speed of mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, on low speed, mixing just until combined. Add vanilla; beat at medium speed 2 minutes, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Reserve 1 cup batter; stir in topping until well blended. Pour remaining batter into prepared pan. Drop rounded tablespoons of fudge mixture into batter in pan; swirl through batter with tip of a knife. Bake for 65 to 70 minutes or until set. Cool for 10 minutes; carefully run knife around outer edge of cheesecake. Cool completely on wire rack. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Carefully remove sides of pan. Serve with additional hot fudge



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ACROSS

- Alteration
- Symbol of Lent
- One
- Midway feature
- Fragrant lavender flower
- What the fourth little piggie had
- Pernicious
- Friend, to Juan
- Laura of Citizen Ruth
- Excavated
- Was unsteady
- R-V link
- Supplement
- Brandywine, e.g.
- Ocean vessel initials
- Actor Raymond
- Pete Townshend group, with "The"
- Leona's man
- Motivated by a Muse
- Wrought
- Commercial notices
- Pianist Peter
- Put an end to
- Giver
- Opposite of WNW
- Off (angry)
- Itch
- Pinocchio, before he learned his lesson
- Antiperspirant brand
- A laughing matter, at the dentist

DOWN

- Basset and Flintstone
- Rosie's fastener
- Fifi's farewell
- Shrill cry
- Aspired
- Reached base, in a way
- Harridan
- Below
- Christmas: Fr.
- About (2 wds.)
- Incline
- Countries
- Kitchen tools
- Five _____ Pieces
- Foe of the Clanton clan
- Plays on words

11. Marshy ground

12. Lights

13. Actor Estrada

14. Large African antelope

15. "She _____" (#1 hit for Alabama) (2 wds.)

16. Palomino's pride

17. Tears

18. Lasso formation

19. Ransom's car, for short

20. The Subject _____

21. Dory accessories

22. Firehouse coffee pots

23. Lingered

24. Famed English architect

25. Courageous one

26. Incense's output

27. Nowhere to _____

28. Tycoon Onassis et al.

29. "_____ Marie"

30. Party to (2 wds.)

31. Claim

32. Singer Redding

33. Apartment dweller

34. Depress

35. Camden _____ (Orleans' home)

36. Large ponds

37. Bobby or Barry of baseball

38. Type of salami

39. Intense devotion

40. Uses scissors

41. Informal message

42. Vocalized

43. Watermelon leftover

44. Novel by Zola

45. Angel topper

46. Ben Hur author Wallace

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
December 22, 1977
Responding to angry public outcry about the site of the new Social Services building at Eagle Point Road and M-72 West, Star Enterprises, the contractor, have discontinued construction until an agreement can be reached on location.

Mike Branch, Grayling High School Athletic Director, presented a check for \$187.00 to Irv Melsaac, Booster Club President, for the Crawford County Youth Memorial Fund in Gene Kaiser's name, which is sponsored by the Booster Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hulbert of Frederic announce the arrival of their son Eric Daniel, on December 12, 1977.

Rochette's Party Store offered ice cream half gallons for .99 cents, and loaves of Butternut bread 3 for \$1.00.

The Grayling Youth Boosters have given warm-up suits to the COOR Crickets basketball team: Board members Kim Lovely and Delbert Case represented the club at the Cricket's first game in Roscommon.

Fred Kauffman, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, presented plaques to Lawrence "Bud" Hunter, Register of Deeds, and Leo E. Lovely, County Clerk, for their dedication and long service to the county.

46 Years Ago
December 23, 1954
December 30th is the last day for World War II veterans to apply for their Michigan veteran bonus.

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A & P offered 8" decorated Christmas cake for .85 cents and 4lb. boxes of chocolates for \$1.99.

The Max Tobins received a phone call from their daughter-in-law in Texas saying their son Staff Sgt. Edward Dean Tobin would be home from Korea for Christmas.

The Frederic Basketball team meets Rose City on January 4, in an attempt to make it three straight wins.

The winter sports program for Grayling began to shape up this week as Winter Sports President, Grover Cason, announced that the park would be open for skiing; the building will be dedicated in January along with a dance in which Miss Grayling 1955 will be crowned.

A program for the Grange Christmas party was enjoyed by all on December 20: Carol Gross, Pamela Roe, Tressa Stephan and John LaBarge entertained with music; Mrs. Mamie Gardner, Mrs. Emma Howse and Lacey Stephan Jr. gave recitations and a story; Master Lacey Stephan read Christmas greetings from State Master Brake and National office.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pratt announce the arrival of their son, Brian Lynn, on December 15 at the Gaylord Hospital.

Members of the Grayling Post 106 and the Junior Class of Grayling High, teamed up last Monday for a Christmas Play for Camp Lehman and Camp LaVictoire.

69 Years Ago
December 24, 1931
Byron Randolph and Miss Retta Leadbeater surprised their friends by announcing their marriage that occurred early in the summer. Miss Leadbeater is the daughter of Joseph Leadbeater of Vanderbilt and a student nurse at Mercy Hospital; Byron is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph of this city.

A community tree has been placed at the intersection of Michigan and Penninsular Avenues, it is brilliant with lights and trimmings.

Elmer Fenton, student at Mt. Pleasant C.S.T.C., is spending the holidays here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson and Miss Marie Brown were in Flint Saturday. Mr. Hanson drove back a new Chevrolet.

92 Years Ago
December 24, 1908
Tuesday morning was the coldest of the season to that date. The mercury registered 2 degrees below zero.

Phil Moshier has bought the Evans residence on the east corner of the Shoal house. It is a pleasant and convenient location.

The Roscommon Herald was a year old last week and is a lively yearling, which like most kids has made itself heard. Here is hoping it will receive the reward it merits.

Frank Jorgenson, Ray Amidon and Miss Florence Countryman are Grayling-ites, home from the Ferris school for the holiday vacation.

Ben Jerome is home for the holidays from the M.A.C., it looks natural to see him with George, who came home two weeks ago.

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12/14	18	4	13
12/15	27	13	25
12/16	29	18	29
12/17	34	29	30
12/18	30	17	17
12/19	19	15	17

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday - Chilly, Overcast, Snow Sprinkles. High 20, Low 11.

Thursday - Chilly, Overcast, Snow Showers. High 20, Low 12.

Friday - Chilly, Mainly Cloudy. High 22, Low 11.

Saturday - Chilly, Mainly Cloudy. High 25, Low 16.

Christmas greetings




Season's Greetings

With warm wishes and heartfelt thanks from all of us.





Strike Up A Terrific Holiday!

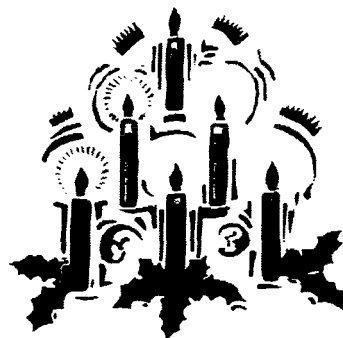
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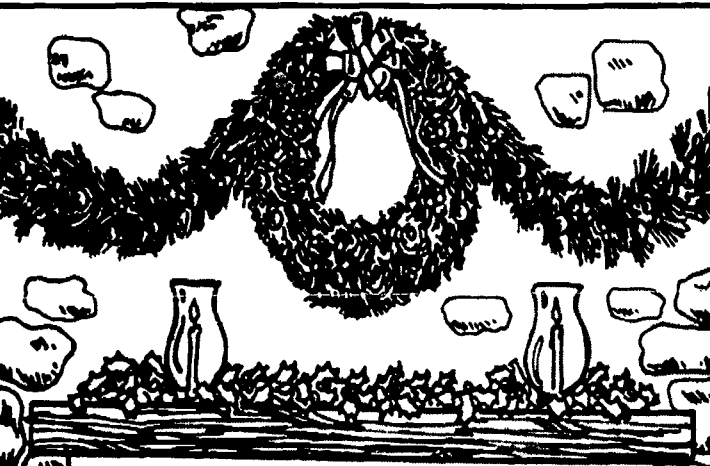


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Fenton's Auto Service.....	22-27
CSI Ind. Systems.....	21-28
Moore's Automotive.....	17-32
High Game: T. Devins, 257; D. Canfield, 247; P. Faustman, 240.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 647; T. Devins, 623; P. Faustman, 596.	
Friday Mixed Doubles	
Moshier Auto Repair.....	4-0
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Kalkaska Blazers at Kalkaska 53-19 on Wednesday.

Lange posted his third double-double in three games, scoring 12 points and bringing down 13 rebounds. Strohpaal chipped in with 11 points, and Helsel and Gildner each added 10.

The Vikings led 41-19 at half-time, but only scored 12 points in

the last two quarters.

"I'm very disappointed in the way we played tonight," said Coach VanDrese. "We're trying to get the kids to understand that it's not just whether we win or lose that's important, but how we play. We played the entire second half not to lose, instead of playing to win. We played with no composure. We will correct that. Aside from all that, we

missed tons of easy shots."

The two wins improved Grayling's season record to 2-1.

On Thursday, December 21, the Vikings will host the Panthers of Standish Sterling Central at 6:15 p.m. The team will play its first post-holiday break game on January 8 at West Branch. On January 11, the Vikings will host Bay City John Glenn at 6:15 p.m.

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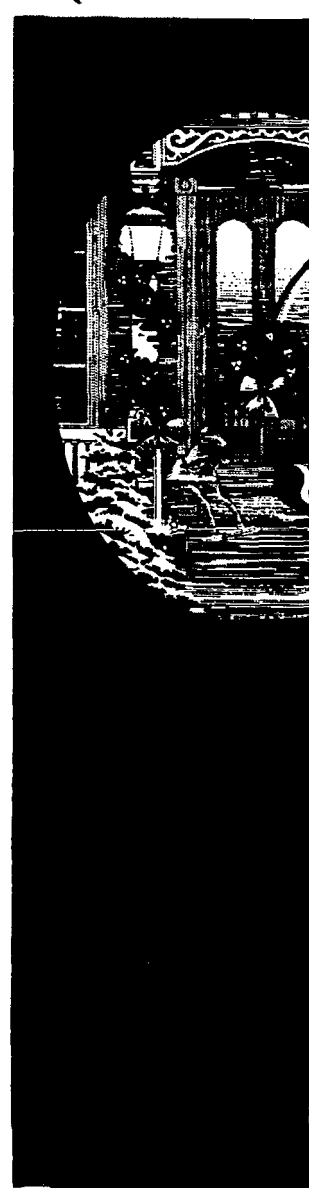
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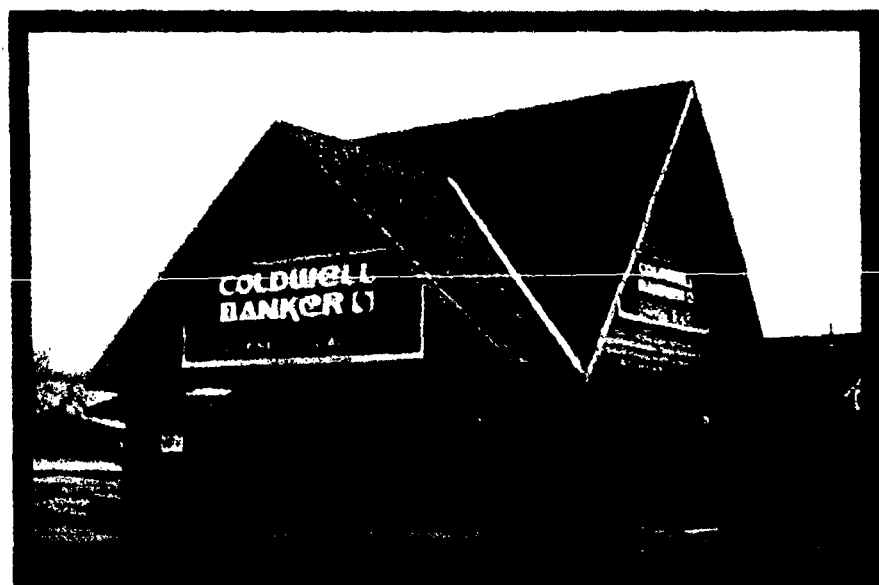
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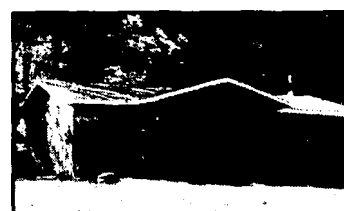
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3. Employment

WANTED Experienced truck driver for short doubles self-loader log truck. Must be self motivated. Willing to train the right person. Benefits include health insurance, employer matching 401 (k) and IRC 125 plan. Resume or letter detailing work history may be faxed to 517-356-3628, or call Chris at Michigan Wood Carriers at 517-356-3448. EOE (-14-21-28-4/3)

CERTIFIED ACTIVITY DIRECTOR position opening. Required Certification in an approved program with the State of Michigan. Full time position, with a flex schedule to cover programs seven days per week. Responsible to develop, plan, organize and participate in a broad range of diversional programs in a geriatric setting. Responsibilities also include, knowledge of charting care plans, MDS data and assessments. Those meeting these requirements can apply at: Grayling Nursing Centre, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling, Michigan off the I-75 Business Loop. (-21/3)

NEEDED Part-time language trainers for Winter 2001 semester beginning January 2001. No teaching experience necessary. Only native speakers of German and Spanish need apply. For more information, please call Tatyana Puchkova at Kirtland Community College. 517-275-5000, ext. 394. Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-21-28/3)

OWN A COMPUTER? E-Commerce Biz from home. \$1,500 to \$7,000 P/T, F/T. Free E-Book. www.Fromhomebiz.Com (-7-14-21-28/3)

COOK/DIETARY AIDE Mercy Hospital, Grayling is seeking an experienced institutional cook to assume a full-time (32 hrs. per week) position in our food services department, the person filling this position will function sometimes as a cook and sometimes as a dietary aide. Responsibilities include preparation of food and monitoring of supplies. High school graduate or equivalent, knowledge of applicable laws and standards relative to institutional food preparation is required. We offer competitive rate and excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528. Fax 517-348-0485. (-21/3)

4. Services Offered

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Let us do your small home repairs
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3. Employment

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3. Employment

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK Full time position with environmental contracting firm with offices located throughout the U.S. Responsibilities include matching, coding and data entry, comparing invoices with p.o.'s, generating weekly payments, responding to vendor inquiries, preparing and mailing checks. Must have two plus years of experience with attention to detail. Please e-mail resume to ginap@usliquids.com or fax to 231-258-9971. EOE (-21/3)

AUTO TECHNICIAN Medium duty auto technician. Requires state certification tools. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, professional dealership working environment. Plenty of work available. Monday thru Friday. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager at Scheer Motors in Grayling, Michigan. 517-348-5451 for interview appointment. (12/14/00t/3)

WANTED Dental Hygienist, full time with benefits or part-time. For progressive quality oriented practice. Call Higgins Lake 517-821-9458. (-7-14-21/3)

\$1,500 A MONTH PT \$4,500-\$7,200 FT, work in home. International company needs supervisors and assistants. Training. Free booklet. www.seekoutyourdreams.com 800-998-5274. (-7-14-21/3)

REGISTERED NURSE - OB Current Michigan License, current NRP preferred. Full-time. 7 p.m. - 7:30 a.m./part time 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. If qualified and interested, please send resumes to: Janet Norton, Human Resources Manager, West Branch Regional Medical Center, Department 2, 2463 S. M-30, West Branch, MI 48661. (-14-21/3)

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED PART-TIME Apply in person at the Woodland Motel in Grayling. (-21-28/3)

4. Services Offered

I CHARGE by the job, not by the hour. Cutting wood, stacking wood, shoveling snow off sidewalks, off roofs, off trailers, off houses, off garages, off sheds, and out of driveways, etc. 517-348-5081. (-14-21-28/4)

SNOW PLOWING Insured, commercial or residential. Call Chuck 231-587-9830 or leave message 517-348-5174. (-14-21/4)

NORTHERN FLOOR INSTALLATIONS Professional Ceramic Tile and Carpet Installation. Quality Installation at a low price. For free estimate call 517-348-8484, (ask for Dan). (-21-28-4-11/4)

QUALITY PET GROOMING Northern Tails, 1205 Michigan Ave., (across from Mercy Hospital). Hours: Monday to Saturday, 8 to 5. Gift certificates, call for appointment. 517-344-9999. (-14-21-28/4)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT DAILY SPECIALS Friday: Fish dinners \$5.99-\$7.99. Saturday: BBQ Ribs \$8.99 1/2 - \$11.99 full slab. Sunday - Wednesday: Buy one 15" two item pizza for \$11.99 and get the second one half price. Thursday: Prime Rib \$8.99 with soup, salad bar and potato. 517-275-5445. (9/14/00t/4)

WE INSTALL CERAMIC TILE Hardwood and laminate flooring, kitchen and bath remodeling, dry-wall, finish, carpentry. Tim 517-348-4535. (-21-28/4)

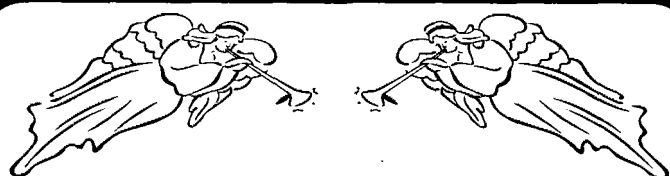
\$3.50 PITCHERS with any item ordered from the menu on Sundays at Skyline Ski & Country Club. Open at noon. 517-275-8987. (8/10/00t/4)

2. For Rent

Grayling Pines Apartments is now accepting applications for one and two bedroom apartments. These spacious units include heat, hot water, and garbage removal. Rent based on income. Low to moderate incomes welcome. Call or stop by 595 Meadows Drive, Grayling, 517-344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity and Handicapped Accessible.

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The Crawford County Avalanche
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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest..." - Luke 2:13, 14

Christmas Services

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve

Sunday Morning Service10:00 a.m.
3 Candlelight Services5:30, 7:30, & 9:30 p.m.

Grayling Free Methodist
Celebration of the True Light7:00 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's
Christmas Day8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Midnight Mass
New Year's Day10:00 a.m.

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight5:00 p.m.
Regular Worship Service11:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve-Regular Worship11:30 a.m.

St. Francis Episcopal
Christmas Eve Mass8:00 p.m.
No Christmas Day Service

St. John's Lutheran
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service7:00 p.m.

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4. Services Offered

ROOFS AND WALKS SHOW-ELED Phone 517-348-2914 for estimate. (-14-21-28-4/4)

SNOW PLOWING Great rates. Call 517-348-2875. (-21-28/4)

5. For Sale

PHILLIPS DOLBY PRO-LOGIC STEREO receiver, plus all five speakers. 250' watt system. \$100. 517-348-7797. (-21/5)

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY ski boots, Salomon 3.1, size 40. Call 517-348-2751. (12/7/00tf/5)

TWO YOUTH (GIRLS)/Pre-teen multi-speed bicycles, very good condition, \$50 each, includes youth helmets. These bikes have been lonely since their owners took drivers ed. They may need a little oil and adjustments. Call 517-348-1429, after 6 p.m. (11/30/00tf/5)

MIXED FIREWOOD Seasoned two years, \$45 per face cord delivered and stacked, 517-348-6340, leave message. Minimum two cord. (LR1/25/01/5)

EXPERT SOFTWARE #1 Best Seller. Diet and Fitness for \$10. Take the guesswork out of dieting and nutrition. System Requirements: 486DX or higher. Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later including Windows 95. VGA or SVGA. 4MB of Ram (8MB recommended). A CD-Rom drive. A hard drive with minimum Install: 1 MB (486SX or higher recommended). Full install: 12MB. A Windows supported mouse and printer. Optional sound card. Anyone interested please call Sandy at 517-348-2991 after 5. (10/26/00tf/5)

1997 INDY XLT, LTD Polaris 600. Excellent condition, only 850 miles, must sell. \$4,500. Call 517-344-1442. (-21/5)

TREADMILL, MANY OPTIONS Good condition, used very little. Call 517-348-2217. (-21/5)

THINK SLEDHEADS OF FRED-ERIC for all your snowmobile parts and accessory needs. Call 517-DIG-SNOW. (12/14/00tf/5)

KITTY KAT SNOWMOBILE New 1999, never fired up, with all the paper work, \$1,195. Call Sledheads of Frederic. 517-344-7669. (12/14/00tf/5)

FISCHER 193CM RC4RS with Tyralia racing freeflex pro bindings. Ski ten times. \$1,200 value, \$400 firm. Great Christmas gift for ski racer. 517-821-5163. (-14-21/5)

J. DAP CO. has those last minute Christmas gifts for everyone on your Christmas list! Don't forget the teachers, hairdressers, mail carriers and all the other special people we like to remember at Christmas. J. Dap Co Gift Store is located at 118 Michigan Ave. Stop By Soon! (-14-21/5)

DELUXE BENCHTOP ROUTER TABLE Hardly ever used, like new. \$30. Call 517-348-2870, ask for Jim. (-21/5)

4. Services Offered

SNOWMOBILES 1980 (440) \$300. 1977 (440) \$400, and 1980 (340) \$500. Call 517-348-9473 or after 8 p.m. Call 517-348-5946. (-21/5)

ATOMIC 149 RIDER SKIS Salomon Series 3 bindings; RCJ Alpina, anatomic design, adult size 6 1/2 boot; and Scott 110 CM/44" poles. Like new, used less than a dozen times. New \$600, asking \$200. Call 517-348-2495 evenings and weekends. (11/30/00tf/5)

QUALITY PET GROOMING Northern Tails, 1205 Michigan Ave., (across from Mercy Hospital). Hours: Monday to Saturday, 8 to 5. Gift certificates, call for appointment. 517-344-9999. (-14-21-28/5)

1996 36' COACHMEN Travel Trailer. Snowmobile trailer for two snowmobiles, snow plowing. 517-348-5275. (-7-14-21-28/5)

\$3.50 PITCHERS with any item ordered from the menu on Sundays at Skyline Ski & Country Club. Open at noon. 517-275-8987. (8/10/00tf/5)

MICROSOFT ACCESS 97 Find answers and build faster solutions—across your office or the world. Microsoft Access 97 provides relational database power to give you the information you need to make better decisions. It pulls data from spreadsheets and other databases and makes it easy to find answers, share information over intranets and the Internet, and build faster business solutions. Requires CD-ROM Microsoft Windows NT or Windows 95. Comes with two manuals Getting Results and Building Applications. CD and manuals I'm selling for \$50. Anyone interested please call Sandy at 517-348-2991 after 5. (10/12/00tf/5)

6. Wanted

A RELIABLE PERSON to care for two cats for six weeks. Starting January 14, no children. Call 517-348-7713. (-21-28/6)

WANTED BOOK entitled "Erie Canal". Author unknown. Phone 517-348-3021. (-21/6)

WANTED Used firearms. Call 517-348-2914. (-14-21-28-4/6)

7. Miscellaneous

LIKE SANTA TO VISIT your house or party? Leave message 517-348-7532. (-14-21/7)

ANY PRE 1978 Bear Archery bows, arrows, quivers, catalogs, letters, lamps, magazine racks, trinkets, etc. For my own personal collection 1-800-848-1268. (9/28/00tf/7)

HEIRLOOM ANTIQUES 100 E. Michigan Ave. Open every day till Christmas. 10-5, Sun. 11-3. (-14-21/7)

FREE PUPPIES Three black and one brown, all females. 517-348-9425 after 5 p.m., ask for Jen. (-21/7)

8. Announcements

RING SIZING, CHAIN REPAIR Watch battery replacement, Custom Designing, Pearl Stringing, etc. Quality Repair. Most Repairs Done By Next Day. 19 years experience. Goldsmith; Certified Gemologist. Darwin's Jewelry Repair. 517-344-1223. Located inside Steven's Family Circle, downtown Grayling. (-7-14-21-28-4-11/8)

CASINO PACKAGE Award winning Days Inn Lakefront St. Ignace. Room for two at \$69.95 Sunday thru Friday or \$79.95 on Saturday and receive \$50 free in Kewadin Casino cash and more. Phone 800-732-9746. (10/26/00tf/8)

NOW ACCEPTING PIANO STUDENTS Beginning to intermediate, \$8 for a half hour. Call Debbie Schreiner at 517-348-7780. Also available for accompaniment, weddings, funerals, church services, etc. (-14-21/8)

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing Dec. 20 - Dec. 23 Over Drive, Dec. 27 - Dec. 31 Crowd Pleasers, Jan. 3 - Jan. 6 Crowd Pleasers. (-21-28/8)

DRIVER'S TRAINING and Road Testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the January 8, 2001 class. Contact Howard Lehti 517-348-8838. (LR12/21/00/8)

J. DAP CO. has those last minute Christmas gifts for everyone on your Christmas list! Don't forget the teachers, hairdressers, mail carriers and all the other special people we like to remember at Christmas. J. Dap Co Gift Store is located at 118 Michigan Ave. Stop By Soon! (-14-21/8)

COME JOIN THE FUN at the Plaza Bar. Karaoke every Friday and Saturday night at 9 p.m. (5/18/00tf/8)

SAWMILL SERVES Fish and Steak Specials anytime, every day of the week. \$5.95 each. (1/27/00tf/8)

STOP INTO THE SAWMILL for daily home made soup and sandwich special. (1/27/00tf/8)

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9. Personals

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8. Announcements

WE WOULD LIKE to take this opportunity to thank all of the generous people from this area who gave their time, equipment, and donated items for the "Rummage Sale" at Days Inn. We made over \$500 and all proceeds went to River House Shelter. If you came and purchased something from the Rummage Sale, we would like to thank you for your support. A special thanks to Gail Bishop for her many hours of hard work, and for her laughs too! We plan on repeating this special event next fall. Thank you, Misty Ankney, General Manager. (-21/9)

11. Automotive

1995 CHEVY SILVERADO 4 X 4 142,000 miles. 3/4 ton on one ton chassis, trailer brakes, loaded. \$12,500 O.B.O. 517-821-4139. (-21-28-4/11)

1994 CHEVY LUMINA Power windows/locks, AM-FM cassette. Burgundy and gray interior. \$4,700. Good car. Call 517-348-4258. (-21/11)

RELIABLE MILES to go with TLC. 1987 Pontiac Sunbird \$900. 517-348-7974, leave message. (-21/11)

5. For Sale

Well Worth The Trip Quality Amish oak furniture, home accessories, Mattress sets by Richards, and Yankee Candles. Only a few of the goodies you'll find. Great Christmas Gifts! **Victorian Millworks!** I-75 exit 215, M-55, one mile West, West Branch • (517) 345-2540

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10-5 Tues-Sat

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9. Personals



Kim,
We thought it was a little dirty,
You thought you were being
sporty.
Here's your picture back at
"30".
We might not be so nice at 40.
Mark & Brian

The family of
Joe Collen would
like to wish him
a special Christmas
greeting this
holiday season.
We will miss you
this Christmas, but
are looking forward
to seeing you in
June.
Love,
Mom, Dad &
Jason

7. Miscellaneous

ANSWERS

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11. Automotive

'93 CHEVY LUMINA Seven passenger van. 3800 engine, good tires, high miles. \$2,390. 517-275-4126. (-14-21-28/11)

1996 CHEVY 3/4 TON 4x4 pickup with 7'6" Western Pro Plow power brakes, auto transmission, balance of five year—60,000 mile warranty. \$14,000 or best offer. 231-585-6129 or 231-585-6753. (-21-28/11)

1992 S-10 Four cylinder, five speed, nice truck. \$1,700 or will trade for ATV or snowmobile. Call 517-348-9473 or after 8 p.m. call 517-348-5946. (-21/11)

9. Personals

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
MOM AND DAD

Love,
A,S, and G

See You Soon!!

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays
Carey & Samantha

Love,
Mom

11. Automotive

DON'T LET THE COMING Winter catch you knee deep in snow without my 1993 Ford Bronco 4 x 4. Eddie Bauer Package comes fully loaded with power everything. Kept inside a garage, so it is in excellent condition. Super clean leather interior. \$8,950. Call 517-348-2083 to see it. (-21-28/11)

9. Personals



Merry Christmas!
Meghan and Connor
Love,
Betty & Amy



LORDY LORDY
LOOK WHO'S "40"!
SIS
From Your Family and Friends in Florida

5. For Sale

Grayling Country Club

- Gift Certificates
- to purchase Rounds of Golf
- Yearly Membership (\$460)
- Merchandise
- 10 Play Punch Cards

Call: Val Wilson 348-7838 for more information

Our entrance is on I-75 Business Loop, between the railroad tracks and Big Boy.

8. Announcements

PUBLIC NOTICES

NEMCSA is currently seeking contractors for snowplowing, chore services, and general contracting services for the Home and Community Based Waiver Program. The HCBW provides in-home services to the elderly and disabled. Contractors are needed in the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon. Contractors must possess a current license (if applicable) and appropriate insurance. Interested parties can request a contract packet by calling (517) 356-3474 ext. 211. Questions should be directed to Laurie Sauer or Patty Rings.

-21/8

Gift Idea

The perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for person

- Personalized Rubber Stamps
- Business Cards
- Subscription to The Crawford County Avalanche

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Early Deadlines for the Holidays!

The Crawford County Avalanche office will be closed on Christmas, Monday, December 25th and reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26th. Deadlines to be included in the December 28th issue are:

- Display ads - Thursday, Dec. 21st at 5 p.m.
- News- Friday, Dec. 22nd at noon
- Classified word ads- Tuesday, Dec. 26th at noon.

Our office will also be closed on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st and reopen 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Deadlines to be included in the January 4, 2001 issue are:

- Display ads- Thursday, Dec. 28th at 5 p.m.
- News- Friday, Dec. 29th at noon
- Classified word ads-Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, at noon.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

MILITARY NEWS

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Jackie D. Beckwith of Grayling, was awarded the U.S. Army Commendation Medal by Colonel Dennis D. Hull, Commander of Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center during a recent retirement dinner honoring several Camp Grayling retirees.

Along with the medal, Beckwith received a certificate stating, in part, that his "Exceptional leadership" along with his "organizational skills allowed the unit to pass many different inspections on the (1071st Maintenance) Company," and "Sergeant First Class Beckwith's personality and overall professional ability will be sorely missed."

Beckwith was accompanied at the retirement dinner by his wife, Ann, who was also presented with a



Camp Grayling Commander Colonel Dennis D. Hull (left) presents a gift in recognition of SFC Jackie D. Beckwith's (right) retirement and 26 years of military service.

certificate of her own -- the Family Appreciation Certificate -- for being "very involved with the Family Support Group."

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Thomas G. Brooks of Grayling, was awarded the U.S. Army Commendation Medal by Colonel Dennis D. Hull, Commander of Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center during a recent dinner in honor of his retirement.

Along with the medal, Brooks received a certificate recognizing, in part, his "Exceptional meritorious service the last 15 years with the Michigan National Guard," and his "exceptional dependability and resolution of purpose," and "Sergeant First Class Brooks will be truly missed."

Brooks was accompanied at the retirement dinner by his wife, Florence, who was also presented with a certificate of her own -- the Certificate of Meritorious Service -- for being very supportive of her husband's demanding military career.



SFC Thomas G. Brooks (left) looks on as his wife, Florence (center), accepts a Certificate of Meritorious Service from Major Ann Mueller (right) Chief of Personnel & Community Activities. The certificate recognizes Mrs. Brooks' support of her husband's career during his 25 years of military service.

Michigan's recount process a national model

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced last week that as Michigan begins to prepare for at least one recount (the race for a state house seat in Mason County), Michigan voters can rest assured the recount process will produce an accurate vote tally and the integrity of the election process will be maintained.

"Michigan voters can be reassured that their votes do, and will, count," said Secretary Miller, the state's chief election officer. "We can take pride and comfort in knowing that Michigan's election system is protected by a series of laws and rules designed to ensure equity and fairness."

Secretary Miller explained Michigan's election system is defined by standards of fairness and objectivity. She noted the entire process for certifying and recounting votes is a bipartisan one, giving

both parties equal opportunity to observe and challenge procedures as they take place.

Michigan leads the nation in promulgating rules and procedures to guide election officials and workers, she added. While some states attempt to define voter intent, Michigan has declined to take that slippery slope. Under standards developed in 1978 in Michigan, a valid punch card vote is one in which the chad is completely removed or hanging by one or two corners. There are no exceptions to this rule.

"Michigan election law is designed to ensure that all activities conducted are above reproach," Secretary Miller said. "Our system is based on fairness, giving both the winner and the loser an opportunity to observe the entire process up close. When all is said and done, they walk away knowing for certain they won or lost 'fair and square.'"

The Board of Canvassers, a bipartisan board of four members, convened on November 27 to officially certify the November general election results received from the 83 Board of Canvassers. No recounts are possible until the election results are certified.

Candidates seeking state or federal office who desire a recount must

file a request within 48 hours after the official certification and state whether they would like a partial or complete recount and why. The opposition will receive notice so if one side petitions for a partial recount, the other candidates have an opportunity to counterpetition.

If a recount is requested, the Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections conducts the recount on behalf of the Board of State Canvassers. The Bureau of Elections will work with the county clerks and Boards of County Canvassers to set dates for the recounts and assist with training recount workers.

During the recount, each candidate has the right to have two observers present to challenge each ballot as it is counted.

Although the question of hand counted punch cards has been a source of trouble in Florida, the Board of State Canvassers in Michigan has the discretion to recount by hand, machine or both.

Secretary Miller's comments followed on the heels of her suggested reforms to further safeguard Michigan's election process, which she outlined November 15.

Among her recommendations were a call for a statewide, standardized voting system as well as a state election holiday or a Saturday vote.

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 27th day of November 2000 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Brown, Banda.

Members Absent: Wyman.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Jon Schultz, Alan Somero, Joseph Somero, Gail Madsen, Skip Madsen, Dave Frederick, Wayne Koppa, Dennis Sloan, Dennis Long, Dennis Palmer, Steve Southard.

00-134

Moved by Banda, supported by Brown that the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2000 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.Moved by Banda, supported by Brown that the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2000 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.Report of Revenue/Expenditures for October 2000.

b. Crawford County Emergency Central Dispatch Activity Report for October 2000.

c. Crawford County Housing Commission Minutes of October 10, 2000.

d. Letter from Grayling Area Visitors Council. Would like to see the City Council involved in city park improvements. The Mayor would like to see a person representing the Grayling Area Visitors Council, the Booster Club, Community Improvement Authority and citizens to make up the Parks Board.

e. Letter of meeting scheduled for "Creating the Future Downtown". This is a 2 day meeting in Ann Arbor on November 30th and December 1st.

f. Letters from the Cemetery Sexton regarding Cemetery closure and an update of the Cemetery in general.g. Letter from Ernie Dawson thanking the City Manager and Council Members who attended the Christmas Walk on November 18, 2000.

Old Business.

a. Antenna on top of Water Tower. Mr. Jon Schultz from Internet 2000 spoke to Council about their proposal to place an antenna on top of the water tower and answered questions the Council had. There are questions that need to be answered before Council decides. The City Manager will meet with Mr. Schultz and will bring a recommendation back to Council at the December 11th meeting.

b. Final audit Report. The City Manager went over the audit with Council bringing to their attention items that need to be addressed. The Auditors have recommended that the water and sewer fees be increased. There should be an inflationary increase every year. The City Manager will meet with the Treasurer and bring a report back to Council. The Auditors also praised the work that the City Treasurer has done to make the audit go as smoothly as possible.

c. Streetscape Option. Gail Madsen spoke to Council regarding the Streetscape Project and feels that a good grant has been written. They need a commitment from the city before the grant can be sent in. Much discussion was held before a decision was made.

00-135

Motion by Brown, supported by Hayes to pledge \$225,000.00 (\$75,000.00 per year for three years) from the General Fund for Phase 1 of the Streetscape Project. This is contingent on the grant being approved. Ayes: 3, Nays: 1 (Banda), Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

d. Ownership of Sewer Lines. Council decided at this time to keep the current policy in effect that the City has in regards to the ownership of sewer lines.

e. Resolution Opposing Moving MSP Crime Lab.

00-136

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes that the following resolution be adopted and that copies be forwarded to MSP Director Michael Robinson, Governor John Engler State Senator George McManus and State Representative Ken Bradstreet.

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police Forensics Lab has been in the City of Grayling since 1989, and the City of Grayling has leased space in the city building to the MSP for that entire period; and

WHEREAS, what is now the MSP Forensics Lab was started by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, and the county donated the original equipment to the State Police; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police delivered to the City of Grayling the ultimatum they lease the entire city building to them or they would move to a new location; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2000, the Grayling City Council and the MSP executed an addendum to their lease for the additional space for the crime lab for a period ten years; and

WHEREAS, the MSP gave verbal assurances that they intended to stay in Grayling longer than the term of the lease; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grayling offices and police department moved from the former city building into a temporary facility because of the MSP's demand; and

WHEREAS, the residents have been substantially inconvenienced by the temporary office's location and size; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grayling has incurred over \$127,000 in expenses renovating the building according to the MSP specifications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grayling has incurred architectural and engineering fees for the design of a new city hall; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police now plans to terminate the lease and move the forensics lab to a new location in Otsego County.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the

b. Schedule of City Council meetings for 2001.

c. Compensation Commission Appointees. 00-137

Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown to confirm the Mayor's appointments of the following persons to the Compensation Commission. Tom Lamie (term expires 01-01-2005), Coe Eliassen (term expires 01-01-2006), and Mary Neal (term expires 01-01-2004). Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Mr. Long spoke regarding whether Council had considered the possibility of selling the city building and putting it on the tax roll as it is a valuable piece of property.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Letter of resignation from Shawn Schnoor from the Police Department. A notice will be in the Avalanche this week for hiring a new officer.

b. The 1992 Chevrolet Caprice. The City Manager recommends selling this as is and purchasing a pick-up for the cemetery before spring.

c. Steering Committee will be meeting in December and the draft is almost done.

d. Township Industrial Park engineer is looking to expand our sewer treatment facility and to find monies to finance this expansion.

e. The cemetery records are now on the Internet.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Banda has a major concern regarding the crime lab's proposed relocation and Council needs to seriously consider what options are open to them in the event the MSP moves to Gaylord. The City Manager has the City Attorney looking over the lease and will report back.

b. Mr. Hayes would like to see a letter written to the school in appreciation of being able to use the conference room for the General Election on November 7, 2000. This has been done.

c. Ms. Palmer has a replacement for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

00-138

Moved by Banda, supported by Hayes to appoint Howard Tobin to replace Joe Murphy on the Zoning Board of Appeals (term to expire 01-01-2003). Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Adjournment

00-139

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Steven A. Roby and Carmen L. Roby husband and wife (original mortgagors)** to **Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee**, dated April 25, 1997 and recorded on June 25, 1997 in Liber 432, on Page 286, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND 08/100 dollars (\$53,100.08)**, including interest at 9.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, EXCEPT 33 feet off the West side for Road purposes. AND The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, EXCEPT 33 feet off the West side for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1313

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200026378

-21-28-4-11-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Jodon T. Grala, a single man (original mortgagors)** to **Shore Mortgage, Mortgagee**, dated December 18, 1998 and recorded on January 7, 1999 in Liber 421, on Page 162, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the **Nationwide Home Mortgage Company**, as assignee by an assignment dated September 1, 2000, which was recorded on September 13, 2000, in Liber 517, on

Page 216, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY AND 96/100 dollars (\$76,340.96)**, including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in the Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 1/2 of East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 25 North Range 3 West. Also known as Parcel H. Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310

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30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
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File # 200026135

-21-28-4-11-18

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Mark W. Pollen a married man (original mortgagors)**, to **Bank One f/k/a NBD Bank, mortgagee**, dated March 10, 1999, and recorded on March 19, 1999 in Liber 0477, on Page 209, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIFTY-SEVEN AND 63/100 dollars (\$14,057.63)**, including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 17, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 2 Brink's Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 33 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 7, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200024431

-7-14-21-28-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Robert L. Ralston, single man (original mortgagors)** to **Conseco Finance Servicing Corporation f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee**, dated May 26, 1998 and recorded on May 8, 2000 in Liber 507, page 334, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 558, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 83/100 dollars (\$30,913.83)**, including interest at 13.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 3 and 4, Block 4, Oak Hill Park, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 14, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

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11. Automotive

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** Last Paystub
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The Crawford County Avalanche
Don't forget to buckle up!

LEGALS ACTION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by **Forest Dunes, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company**, Mortgagor to **Carpenters Pension Trust Fund - Detroit and Vicinity**, Mortgagee dated: **April 22, 1998** and recorded on **April 28, 1998**.

In Liber 452, on pages 177-198 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **Nineteen Million Dollars (\$19,000,000)**, including interest at **12.75 % per annum**.

Under the Judgement of Foreclosure entered on October 13, 2000 in Case No. 00-5132 by the 46th Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, the Honorable Alton T. Davis presiding and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the **Main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, Crawford County Building, 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738** at **10:00 o'clock a.m. on December 27, 2000**.

Said premises are situated in **South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan** and are described as:

Description of Real Estate

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Phase I Parcel Description:

A Parcel of land being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 3 and part of Section 2 and Lots 1 - 3, 42 - 50, 78, 94 - 98, 112 & 113 of South Branch Ranch Unit Number 1 Subdivision more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Crawford County, Michigan: thence North 88°54'32" West 2,607.82 feet along the South line of Section 2 to the South 1/4 corner of Section 2, thence North 88°54'47" West 2,143.00 feet along the South line of Section 2 to the East line of South Branch Ranch Unit Number 1 Subdivision, thence North 11°52'06" West 68.79 feet, thence North 12°17'06" West 225.75 feet, thence North 75°56'01" East 165.25 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the Northeast leaving a radius of 201.33 feet and central angle of 22°02'00" thence 77.42 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of South 44°28'55" East 76.95 feet, thence North 05°49'54" East 81.70 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 144.15 feet and a central angle of 22°45'32" thence 57.26 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 26°26'32" West 56.88 feet, thence North 13°54'08" West 165.88 feet to a point on a tangent curve concave to the East having a radius of 183.80 feet and a central angle of 43°15'08" thence 183.80 feet along the arc of said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 06°14'00" East 135.48 feet thence South 88°40'56" West 173.07 feet, thence North 07°49'32" East 237.52 feet, thence North 10°10'20" East 66.23 feet thence North 03°48'38" East 263.07 feet, thence North 57°30'06" West 69.45 feet, thence North 23°05'54" East 178.53 feet, thence North 38°31'08" West 269.80 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the Northwest having a radius of 503.77 feet and a central angle of 14°41'53" thence 129.23 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of South 58°23'06" West 128.88 feet, thence North 31°44'06" West 202.72 feet, thence South 70°13'54" West 450.00 feet, thence North 65°37'06" West 49.10 feet, thence South 22°40'54" West 285.70 feet, thence North 63°44'06" West 20.00 feet to a non-tangent curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 245.50 feet and a central angle of 60°12'56" thence 258.01 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 35°51'36" West 246.30 feet, thence North 05°45'06" West 212.92 feet, thence South 85°10'51" West 408.99 feet, thence North 27°34'27" West 543.04 feet, thence South 76°04'10" West 208.72 feet, thence North 14°32'46" West 175.52 feet, thence North 11°00'48" West 140.68 feet, thence North 10°51'37" West 66.01 feet, thence North 15°46'36" West 84.75 feet, thence North 53°17'54" East 204.50 feet, thence North 25°51'01" West 122.14 feet, thence North 09°25'10" West 66.00 feet, thence North 80°34'50" East 189.35 feet to a point

on a tangent curve concave to the North having a radius of 1,967.00 feet and a central angle of 04°37'43" thence 158.90 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing distance of North 78°15'58" East 158.86 feet, thence North 75°57'07" East 416.30 feet to a point on a tangent curve concave to the Northwest having a radius of 967.00 feet and a central angle of 05°19'14" thence 89.92 feet along the arc said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 73°17'17" East 89.89 feet, thence North 24°07'23" West 220.00 feet, thence North 50°58'46" East 185.55 feet, thence North 39°01'14" West 86.42 feet, thence North 50°58'46" East 102.66 feet, thence South 66°12'42" East 403.56 feet, thence South 38°02'09" East 66.00 feet, thence North 51°57'51" East 131.03 feet to a point on a tangent curve concave to the Northwest having a radius of 500.00 feet and a central angle of 05°54'18" thence 51.53 feet along the arc said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 49°00'41" East 51.51 feet, thence North 46°03'32" East 222.91 feet, thence South 41°06'28" East 137.56 feet, thence North 45°00'10" East 1,161.13 feet, thence South 44°59'50" East 453.27 feet, thence South 03°51'57" West 258.39 feet, thence South 71°22'05" East 867.78 feet, thence North 70°43'10" East 584.94 feet, thence South 40°19'19" East 955.58 feet, thence North 56°54'04" East 151.59 feet, thence North 12°24'10" East 514.23 feet, thence North 22°35'39" East 675.49 feet, thence North 37°57'39" East 875.61 feet, thence South 29°31'49" East 651.15 feet, thence South 00°35'05" West 1,290.88 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the Southwest having a radius of 674.19 feet and a central angle of 27°59'53" thence 329.45 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of South 62°43'03" East 326.18 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve concave to the South having radius of 50. feet and a central angle of 77°17'59" thence 67.46 feet along the arc of said curve said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 82°03'23" East 62.46 feet, thence North 30°42'23" East 131.56 feet, thence North 81°26'34" East 212.27 feet, thence South 00°54'40" West 3,107.26 feet along the East line of Section 2 to the Southeast corner of Section 2 and the point of beginning.

also

Parcel 1
Sections 2 and 3, T25N-R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan: EXCEPT the Plats of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1 and South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2 and Chandra Village; and

Parcel 2

South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1, being a part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, and part of the East 1/2 of Section 3, T25N-R2W, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 21, EXCEPT the following lots: 9 through 41 inclusive; 51 through 77 inclusive; 79 through 92 inclusive; 99 through 111 inclusive; and 114 through 116 inclusive; and

Parcel 3

South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, T25N-R2W, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 40, EXCEPT the following lots: 150 through 154; and 238 through 245; and

Parcel 4

Chandra Village, being parts of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, and the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, T25N-R2W, recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 16; and excepting therefrom that portion of the real estate described as Phase I above.

EXHIBIT B

All right, title and interest of Debtor in and to following (collectively, the "Property"):

(1) The real property described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Land");

(2) all additional lands, estates and development rights hereafter acquired by Debtor for use in connection with the Land and the development of the Land and all additional lands and estates therein which may, from time to time, by supplemental mortgage or otherwise be expressly made subject to the lien of the Security Instrument (as defined below);

(3) the buildings, structures, fixtures, additions, enlargements, extensions, modifications, repairs, replacements and improvements now or hereafter erected or located on the Land (the "Improvements");

(4) all easements, rights-of-way or use, rights, strips and gores of land, streets, ways,

alleys, passages, sewer rights, water, water courses, water rights and powers, air rights and development rights, and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, servitudes, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances of any nature whatsoever, in any way now or hereafter, belonging, relating or pertaining to the Land and the Improvements and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, and all land lying in the bed of any street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front of or adjoining the Land, to the center line thereof and all the estates, rights, titles, interests, dower and rights of dower, curtesy and rights of curtesy, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, of Debtor, in and to the Land and the Improvements and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto;

(5) all machinery, equipment, fixtures (including but not limited to all hearings, air conditioning, plumbing, lighting, communications and elevator fixtures) and other property of every kind and nature whatsoever owned by Debtor, or in which Debtor has or shall have an interest, now or hereafter located upon the Land and the Improvements, or appurtenant thereto, and usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Land and the Improvements (hereinafter collectively called the "Personal Property"), and the right, title and interest of Debtor in and to any of the Personal Property which may be subject to any security interests, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted and enacted by the state or states where any of the Property is located (the "Uniform Commercial Code"), superior in lien to the lien of the Security Instrument and all proceeds and products of the above;

(6) all awards or payments, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to the Property, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including but not limited to any transfer in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of said right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property;

(7) all leases and other agreements affecting the use, enjoyment or occupancy of the Land and the Improvements heretofore or hereafter entered into (the "Leases") and all right, title and interest of Debtor, its successors and assigns therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder to secure the performance by the lessees of their obligations thereunder and all rents, revenues, issues and profits (including all oil and gas or other mineral royalties and bonuses) from the Land and the Improvements (the "Rents") and all proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Leases and the right to receive and apply the Rents to the payment of the indebtedness secured by the Security Instrument and the Assignment of Leases and Rents (as defined below);

(8) all proceeds of and any unearned premiums on any insurance policies covering the Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any insurance, judgements, or settlements made in lieu thereof, for damage to the Property;

(9) all refunds, rebates or credits in connection with a reduction in real estate taxes and assessments charged against the Property as a result of tax certiorari or any applications or proceedings for reduction;

(10) all proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the foregoing including, without limitation, proceeds of insurance and condemnation awards, into cash or liquidation claims; plans, specifica-

tions and other documents, now or hereafter entered into, and all rights therein and thereto, respecting or pertaining to the use, occupation, construction, management or operation of the Land and any part thereof and any improvements or respecting any business or activity conducted on the Land and any part thereof and all right, title and interest of Debtor therein and thereunder,

thereof and all right, title and interest of Debtor therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, the right, upon the happening of any default under the Security Instrument, or any other document executed in connection therewith, to receive and collect any sums payable to Debtor thereunder;

(13) all trade names, trademarks, service marks, logo, copyrights, goodwill, books and records and all other general intangibles relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Property; and

(14) any and all other rights of Debtor in the times described in (1) - (13) above.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: Oct. 27, 2000.

Carpenters Pension Trust Fund, Detroit and Vicinity, Mortgagee
Arnold Schafer, Esq., Schafer and Weiner, P.C.

40950 Woodward Ave., Suite 100
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, Attorney.
16-23-30-7-14-21

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by **TAMMY L. MYERS**, whose address is 9700 Elizabeth Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to **THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, acting through the **Farmers Home Administration** (now known as **Rural Development**), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated December 16, 1994 and recorded December 16, 1994 in Liber 387 in Crawford County Records on Pages 530, 531, 532 and 533, and re-recorded November 19, 1997 in Liber 442, Crawford County Records on Pages 74, 75, 76 and 77 to correct liber number in property description, such Mortgage being given to secure a Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of **SIXTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 74/100 (\$62,330.74) DOLLARS**, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on the 3rd day of January, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 8.0% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does not pay on or prior

to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 37, 38, 39 and 40, Block 6, Fourth Addition to Portage Lake Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

During the six months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact **USDA-Rural Development**, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: November 27, 2000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the **Farmers Home Administration** (now **Rural Development**), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Michael I. Conlon (P43954)
Running, Wise, Ford & Phillips, P.L.C.
326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686
Traverse City, MI 49685-0686

-7-14-21-28

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate

File No. 00-6221-DE

Estate of **Llwyn L. Wilson, Deceased**

Date of Birth: 05-17-38

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, **Llwyn L. Wilson**, who lived at 570 Airport Road, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, died 11/3/2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Brian A. Wilson**, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, Michigan 49738, and the named /proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 14, 2000
Kathleen Kaufman (P45253)
PO Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5232
Brian A. Wilson
6538 W. M-72
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5611

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR ROADSIDE REFUSE SERVICE BIDS

The Frederic Township Board is requesting bids for roadside refuse service within Frederic Township. Bids are to be addressed to Michael Girard, Frederic Township, **Refuse Bid** P.O. Box 78 Frederic, MI 49733. Bids will be accepted no later than January 8, 2001. All bids will remain sealed until the January 9, 2001 regular township board meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Bid specs. and route maps are available at the Frederic Township Office during regular office hours. 7564 County Road 612 Frederic, MI 49733 or call 517-348-8778 to have a copy mailed or faxed.

Frederic Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Sincerely,
Nancy Bindschatel
Township Clerk.

-21-28-4

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP AMENDMENT TO LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE #1998-10-13 AMENDMENT ORDINANCE #2000-12-12

Amendment #2000-12-12 Section V: **Application For Land Division Approval** Part C.

Land Division Ordinance #1998-10-13 Section V: Part C: Which Reads... A survey including an accurate legal description of each proposed division, and showing the boundary lines, approximate dimensions, etc.

Amendment #2000-12-12 to Section V: Part C: Now Reads... C. A **certified** survey including an accurate legal description of each proposed division, and showing the boundary lines, approximate dimensions, etc.

Clerk's Certification of Publication

The foregoing Amendment Ordinance #2000-12-12 to amend Maple Forest Township Land Division Ordinance #1998-10-13 was duly adopted and passed by the Township Board of Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, on the 12 Day of December 2000 by the following vote: Yes 5 No 0 Absent 0

I further certify that the foregoing Ordinance was published in the Crawford County Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation, in the above township on the 21st day of December 2000.

This Amendment Ordinance takes effect on January 21, 2001.

Susan M. Keene, Clerk
Maple Forest Township

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2001 at 7:00 PM in The Circuit Court room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #SU20-00 A request to permit a Home Occupation.

Petitioner: **Russell N. Rulason Jr.**
8686 S. Old 27
Grayling, MI, 49738

The above case refers to the following described property:

All land on the west side of US 27 in the S/2 of S/2 of NE/4 of SW/4 Sec 18 T25N R3W 3.8 Acres

Property Code: 20-050-018-009-060-00
Zoning: LDR

All documents are available at the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department. Comments should be sent to: Building & Zoning Department, 200 W. Michigan Avenue - Annex Building, Grayling, MI 49738.

Joseph Duran - Director

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP AMENDMENT TO CEMETERY ORDINANCE NO. 12-1986 AMENDMENT ORDINANCE NO. 12-D-2000

Amendment No. 12-D-2000: **Section XIII: Part A - Cemetery Hours**

Cemetery Ordinance No. 12-1986 Section XIII Part A: Which Reads...

The cemetery shall be open to the general public from the hours of Dawn to Dusk of each day.

Amendment 12-D-2000 to Section XIII, Part A: Now Reads...

The cemetery shall be open to the general public from the hours of Dawn to Dusk of each day beginning April 1st through November 14th.

Clerk's Certification of Publication

The foregoing Amendment Ordinance No. 12-D-2000 to amend Cemetery Ordinance No. 12-1986 was duly adopted and passed by the Township Board of Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan on the 12th day of December, 2000 by the following vote: Yes 5 No 0 Absent 0

I further certify that the foregoing Ordinance was published in the Crawford County Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation, in the above township on the 21st day of December 2000.

This Ordinance Amendment takes effect on January 21, 2001.

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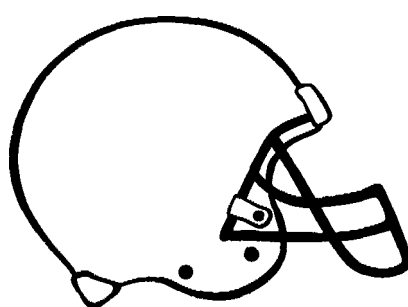


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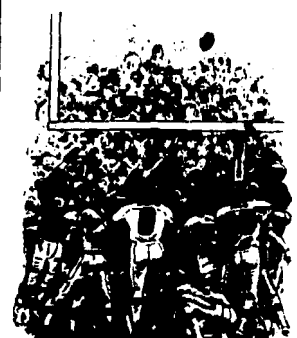
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EDITOR

Shelter director applicant says 'stop the nonsense'

To the editor,

As an interested party in the local animal shelter and as an animal rights advocate, I would like to comment on the current situation at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. I currently reside in Gaylord, but have recently purchased property in Grayling.

I have witnessed what politics can do to a local animal shelter, i.e., Roscommon County and Otsego County, just to name two close examples. There's something about an animal shelter that brings out the "beast" in people. Is it the emotion involved?

I applied for the job that was advertised for "Animal Shelter Director" because I heard that Dixie had resigned. I didn't know all the facts, but I wanted someone there that would care as much for the animals as Dixie does.

The interview was on Tuesday night, and on the following night, December 13, 2000, the local news-

paper was full of "shelter news." To my surprise and delight, Dixie had not only decided not to resign, but also wrote a letter to the editor explaining the history of her work, efforts to keep the shelter going, and her reasons for the conflicts with the current board. I noticed one underlying factor in Dixie's letter, as compared to those against her. Her main concern throughout all of this are the animals that she cares for. That is what we should all be concerned about, not who said or did what to whom, the power trips, or the wounded egos incurred since this battle began.

I personally think that Dixie is doing a great job, considering the lack of resources and support from the community at large. We should all consider it a privilege to have her working there, looking after our pets, and also the many homeless, unwanted and discarded pets. It takes a special person to do that type of work, one who can stomach the

cases of abuse and neglect, the constant cleaning of cages and all that comes with that job. I cannot think of a better qualified person to run the shelter, as she has the experience, has built up an impressive number of resources and connections, and most importantly, CARES FOR THE ANIMALS. After all, isn't that what this whole thing is about? Can't we all come together and offer our help in improving the conditions at the shelter, donating needed items and equipment to make her job run a little bit smoother? Hasn't she also earned the right to a pay check after all these years?

There are many industries, businesses and individuals in this community that could donate property, and/or building materials to assure that our pets and their unwanted offspring have a decent place to go. This is tax deductible, and to many of these big companies, a mere drop in the bucket. Please offer your ser-

vices now.

Seventy percent of the population owns pets, so where are all these declared animal lovers when needed? 'Tis the season to be generous, what ever happened to the caring, concerned individuals of days gone by who pitched in to help someone in desperate need?

Let's set an example for others and prove that we can all come together for a common cause. Put aside the politics, petty differences and egos, and channel all that energy into helping the pets that we all claim to love. Dixie has been a very compassionate, caring member of this community, and I think it's time her untiring efforts are rewarded.

Please, folks, stop this nonsense now and join together to do what God put us on earth to do -- to help the needy, be they two-legged or four-legged.

Carol Sue Hess
Gaylord

Operation Nightcap on the lookout for drunk drivers

Michigan motorists can expect a holiday light show this weekend, compliments of more than 100 law enforcement agencies participating in Operation Nightcap.

Operation Nightcap is a 27-county crackdown on drunk drivers, part of a national effort for National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Month and *You Drink and Drive. You lose.*, a national campaign to combat drunk driving.

Law enforcement agencies in these counties, stretching from metro Detroit to the Upper Peninsula, are receiving special funding for additional traffic patrols to look for drunk drivers. Those counties have higher-than-average drunk driving crashes.

"These extra patrols are in place to help ensure the holidays aren't marred by preventable tragedies," said Betty J. Mercer, division director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). OHSP is providing the funding for patrols.

Alcohol is involved in nearly 40 percent of Michigan's traffic fatalities each year. In 1999 there were 541 alcohol-involved traffic deaths in the state. That same year, Michigan law enforcement officers arrested 61,803 people for drunk driving.


Over the Christmas holiday in 1999, there were 15 persons killed in traffic crashes in the state and a third of those involved alcohol.

And during the 1999-2000 New Year's holiday, there were 19 traffic fatalities in the state and over half involved alcohol.

More than 100 law enforcement agencies have united as a statewide task force to reduce both the number and seriousness of traffic crashes.

The Drive Michigan Safely (DMS) Task Force members will participate in periodic stepped up enforcement, concentration on unbuckled motorists and drunk drivers through the Click it or Ticket and Operation Nightcap campaigns.

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